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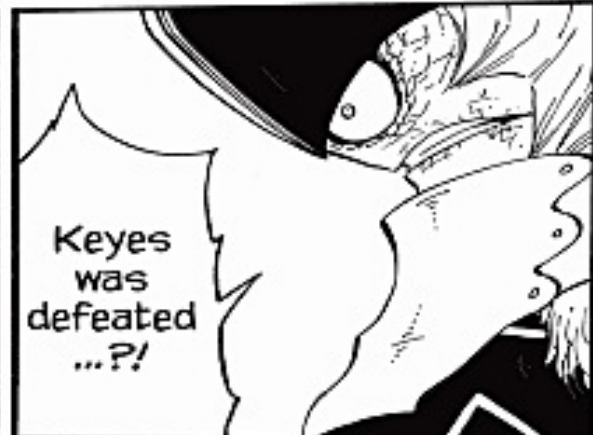
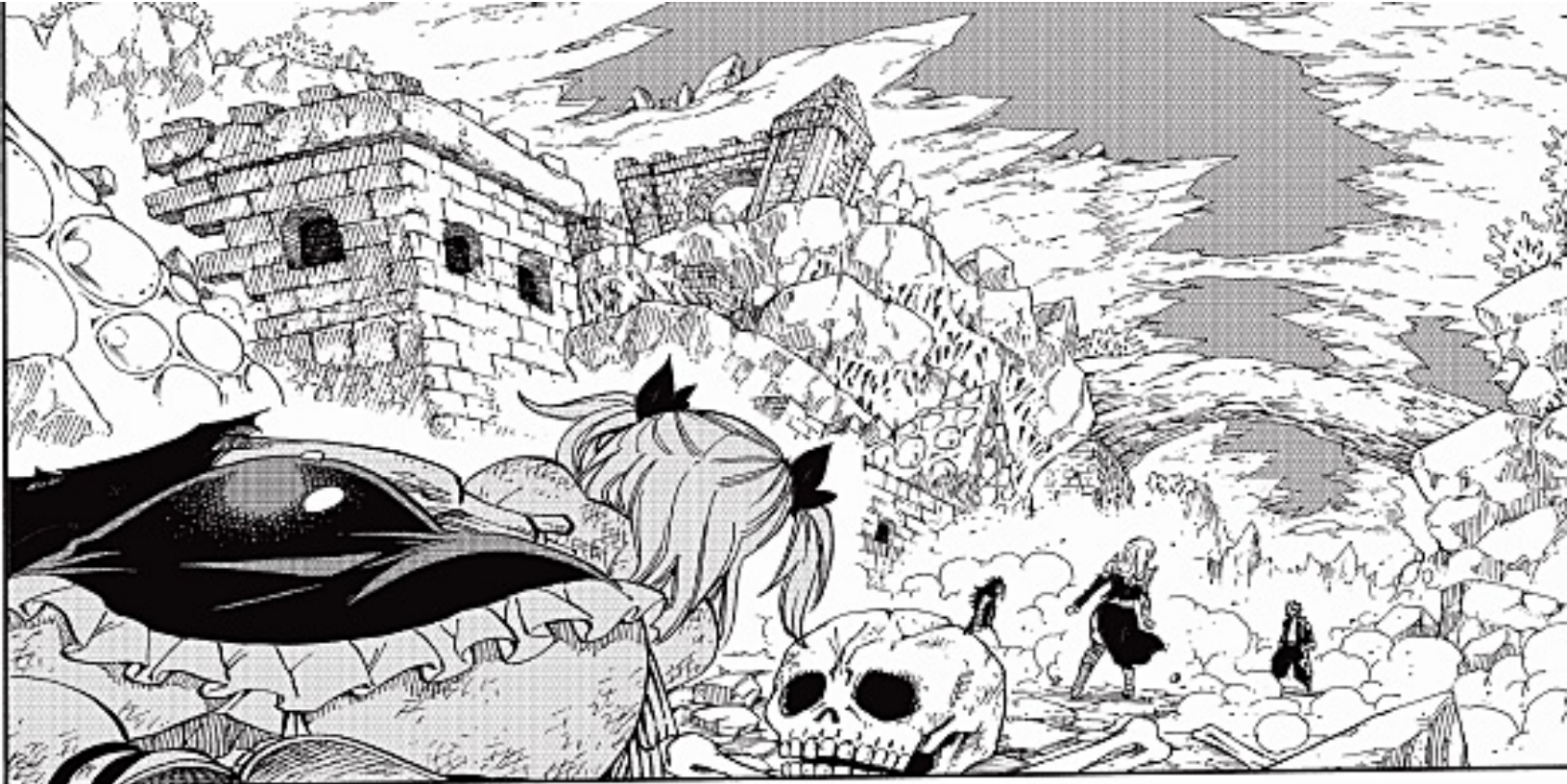
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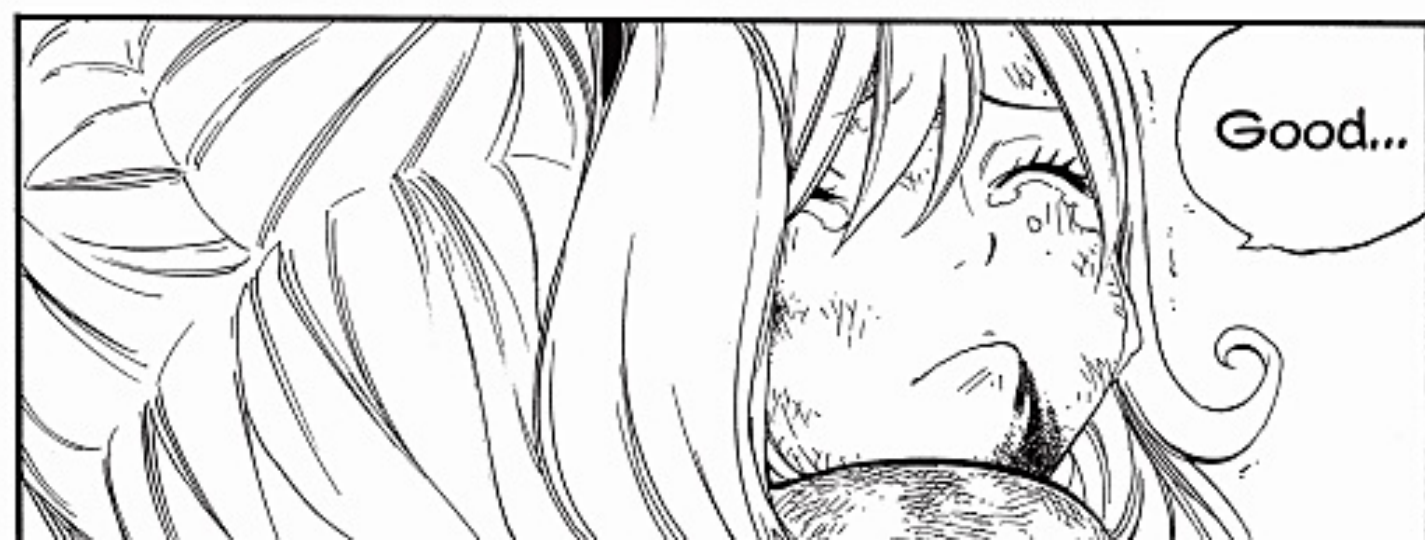
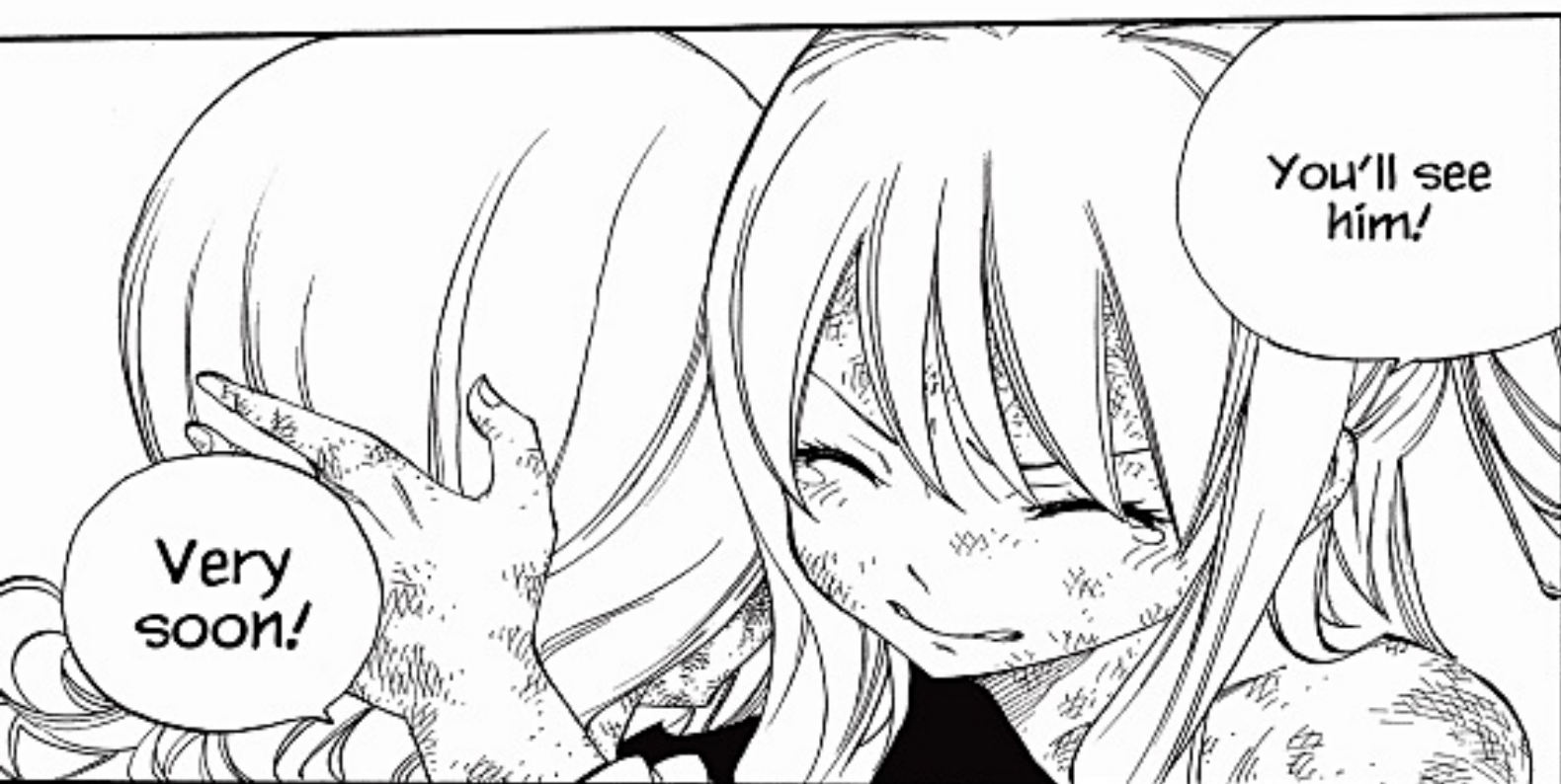
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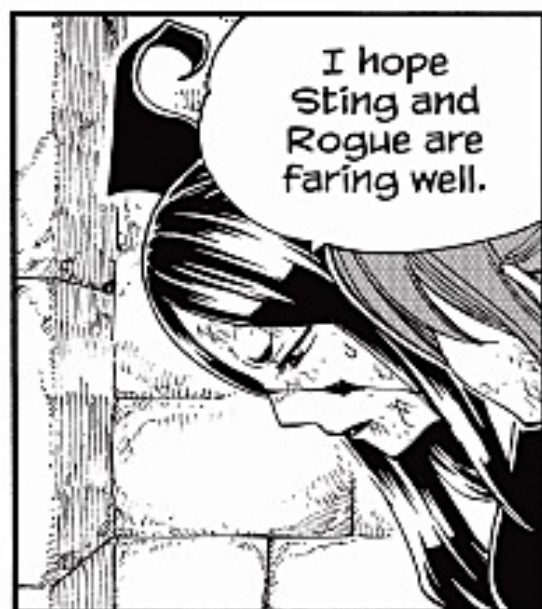
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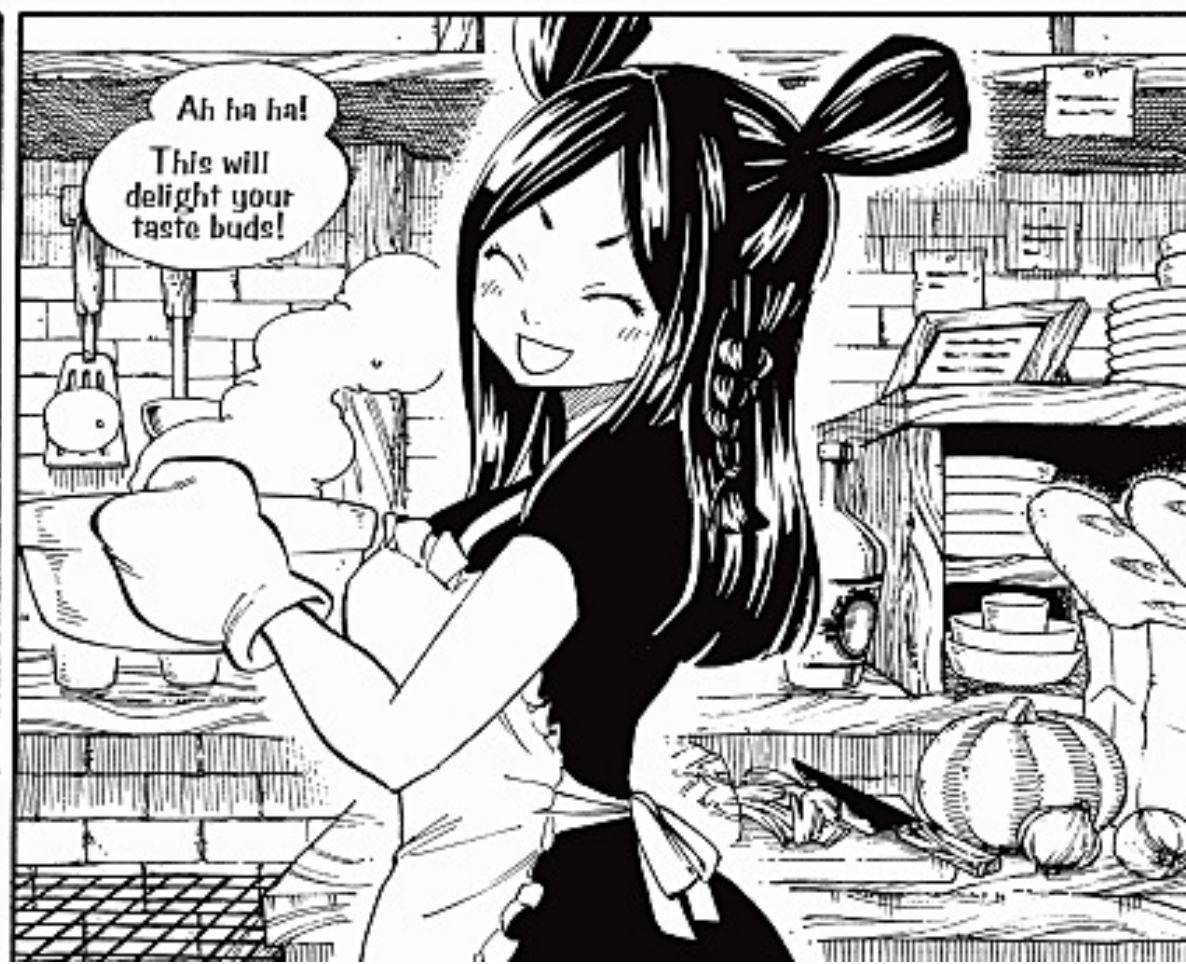
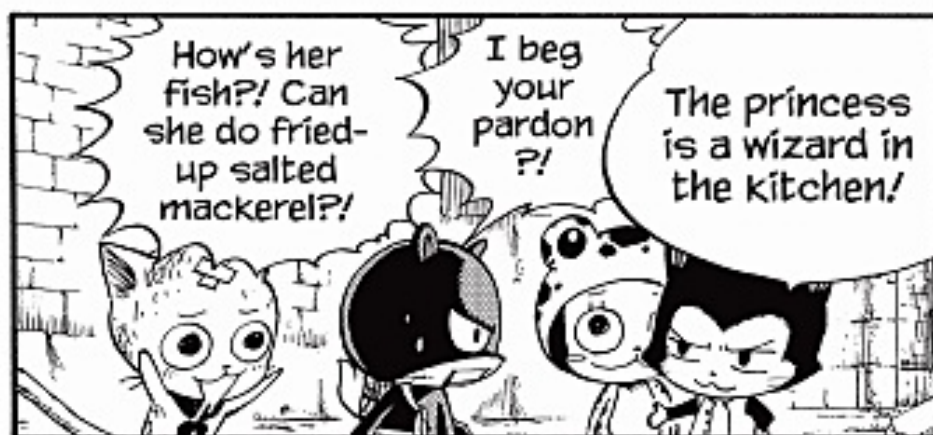
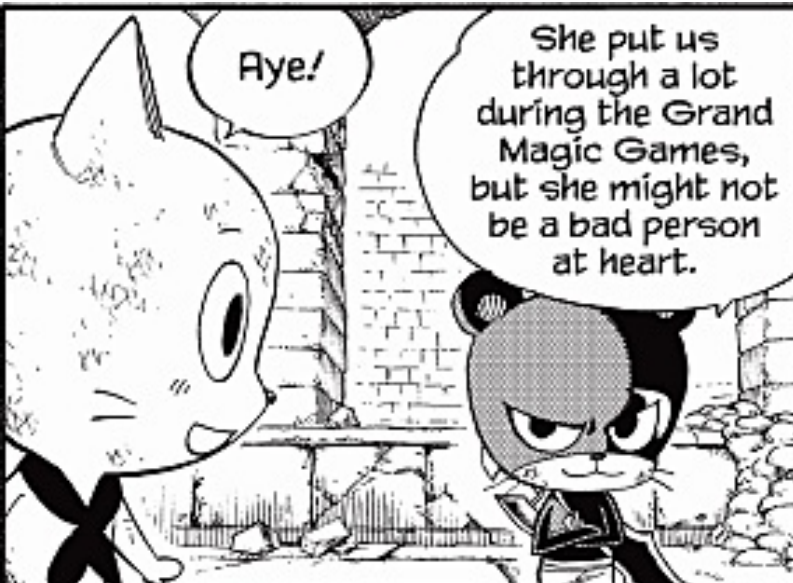














Yes, and Erza-san is quite a force to be reckoned with as well!

Beg your pardon.

Aye!

Fro thinks so also!



Do not dally, or you will be left behind!

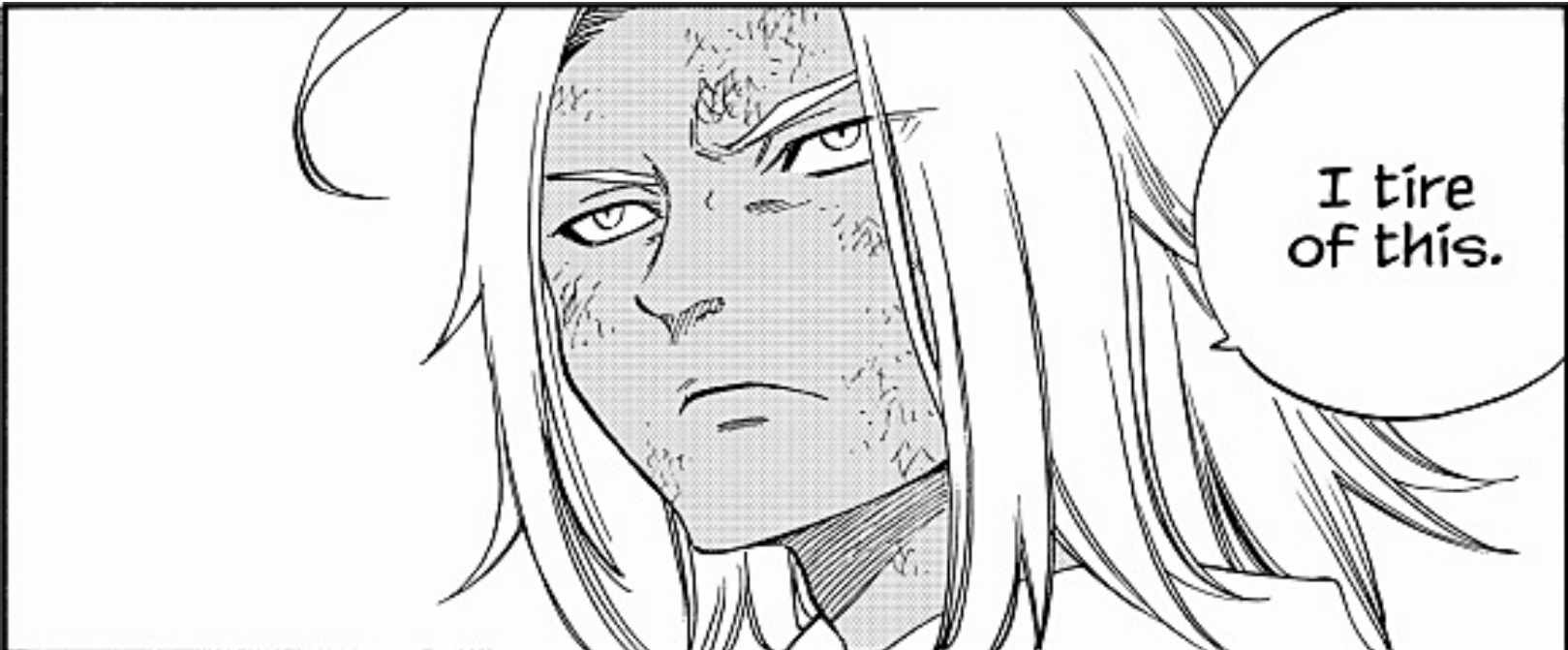


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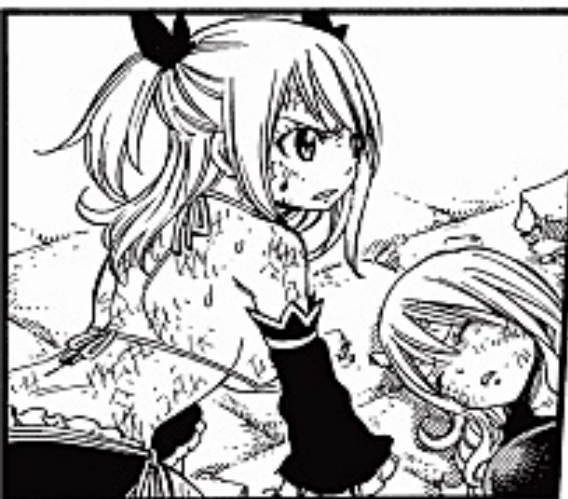
I hope you're all right...



I think it's about time we finished these guys off!



I tire
of this.



Yes, we might
as well accept
the inevitable.

These two
have inhuman,
dragon-based
powers!



**ETHERIOUS
FORM!!!!**

BOOM



**RAIEN-
RYŪ*
MODE!!!!**

**TETSUEI-
RYŪ**
MODE!!!!**

BOOM



Now I'm
way more
powerful
than you!

Gee hee hee!
I gobbled
up some
of Rogue's
shadows!



Hey, since
when can
you do
that?!



Gajeel, what
is that?!

That's
rich
comin'
from
you!

You
look
evil!



Then why don't
you prove it?!
Let's see who
takes down our
bad guy first!!

Rogue's
shadows
ain't got
nothin' on
that!!

No, you
ain't! This
is Laxus's
thunder!!



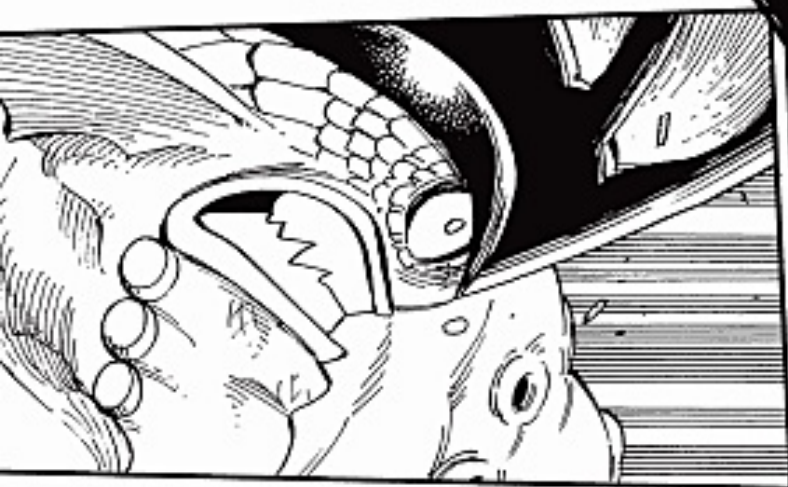
You
guys...



How about
the loser has to
write a power
ballad about the
winner?!

You're on,
you heap
of scrap
metal!!





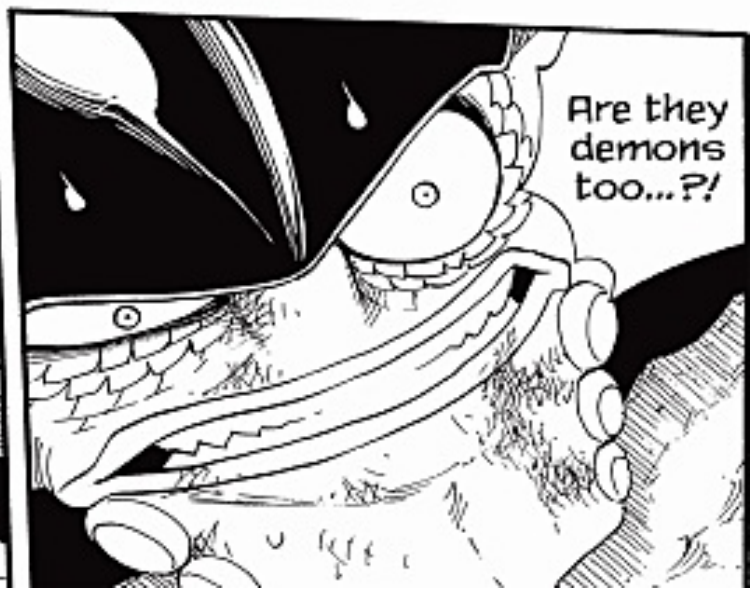
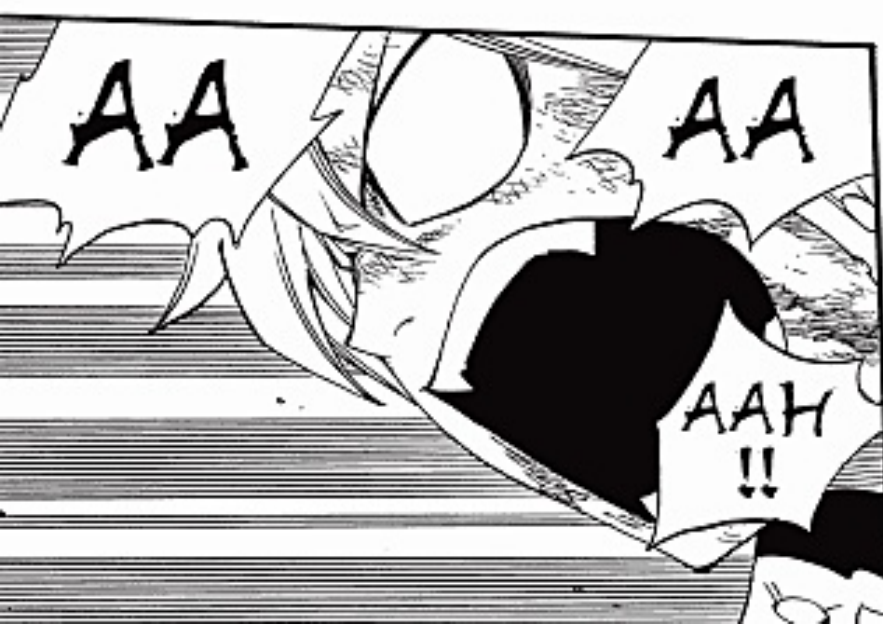
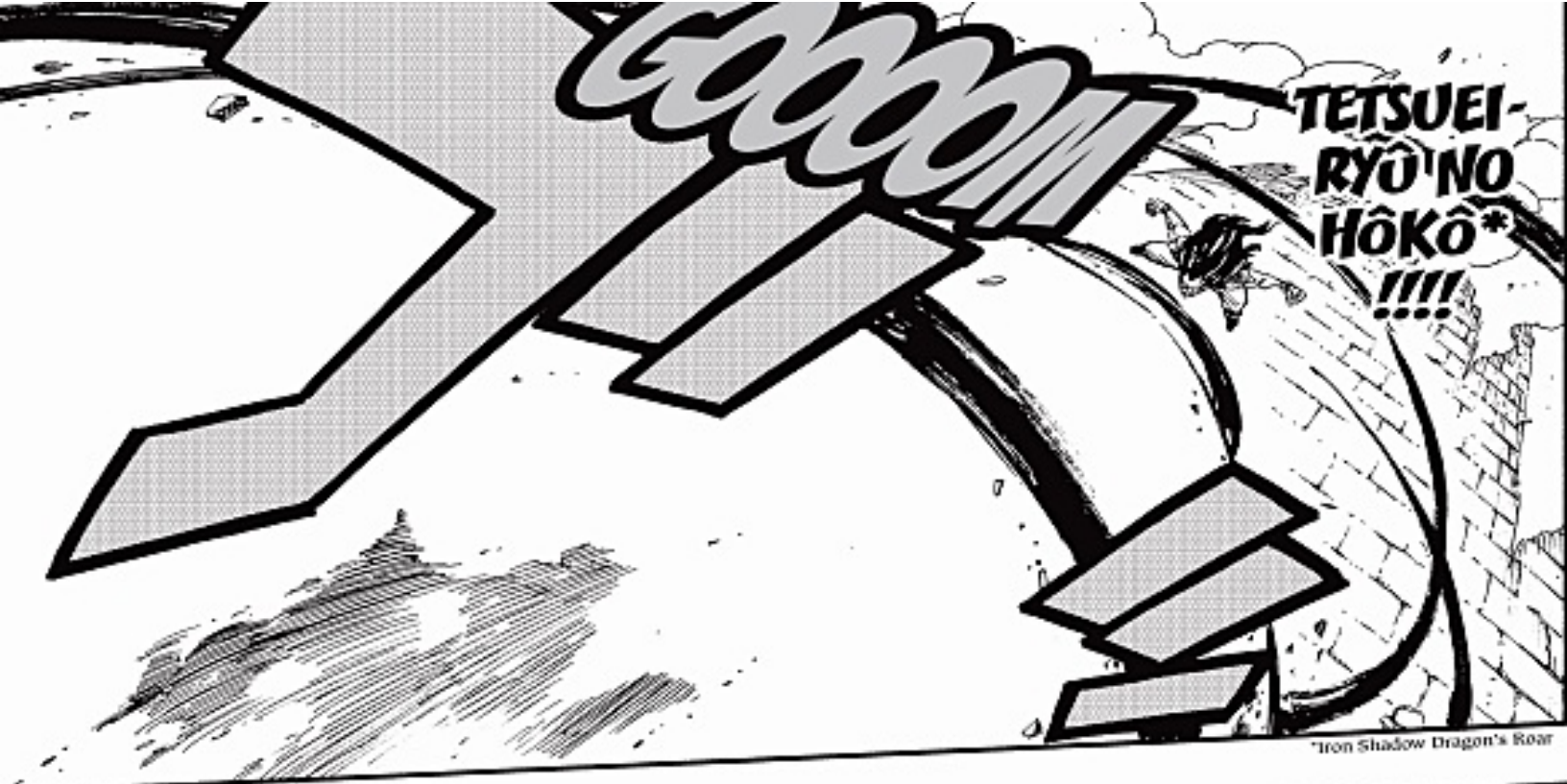
**I'm takin'
mine out
first!!!!**

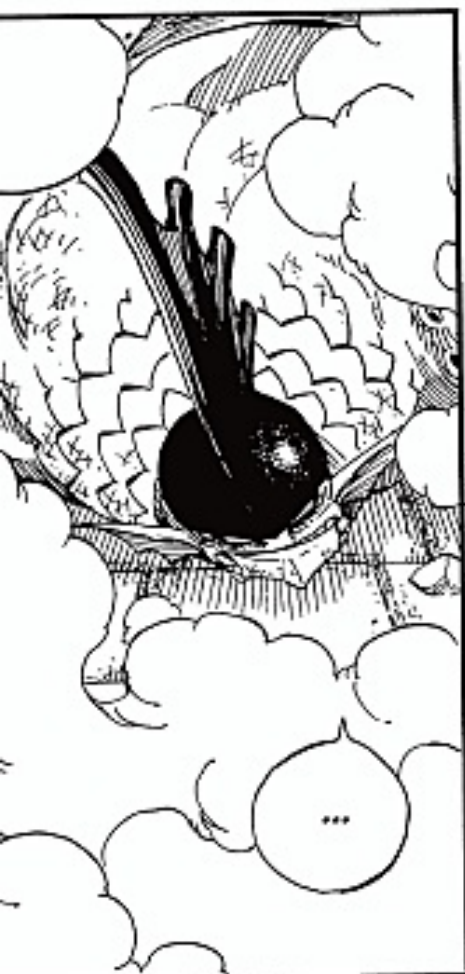




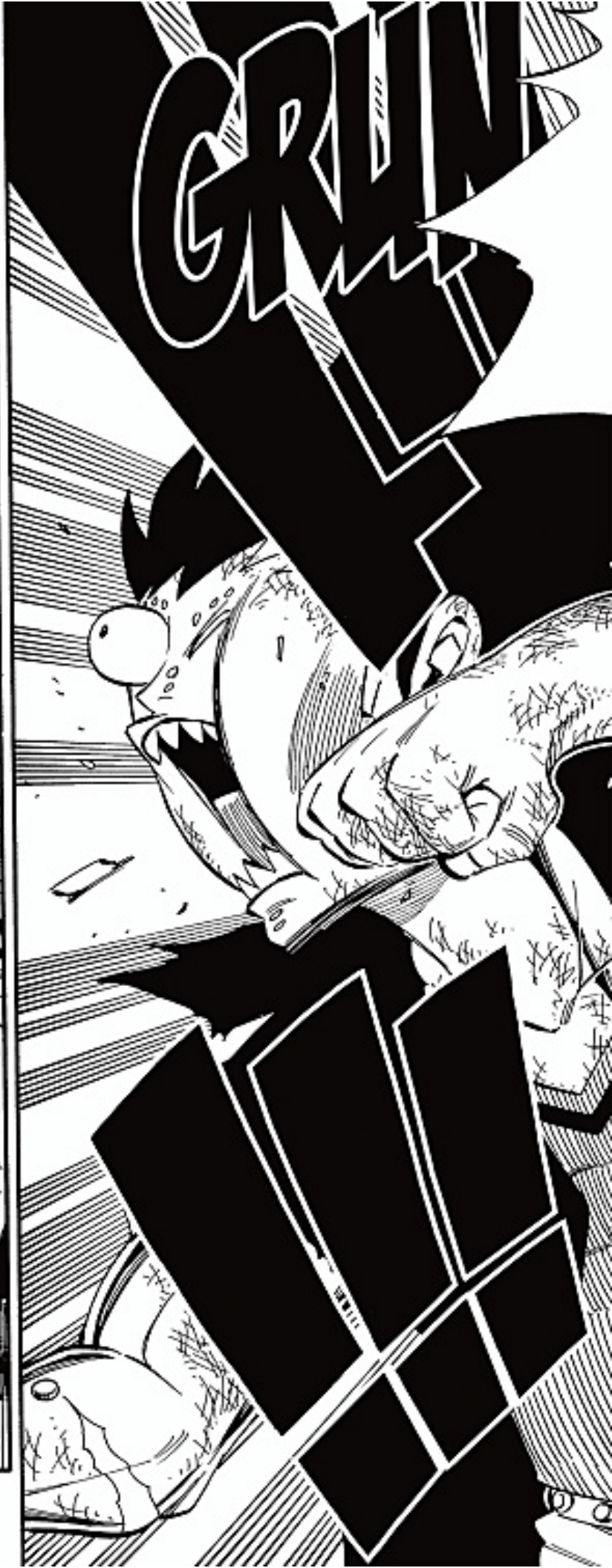
*Blazing Depth-Charge Sword







B
W
A
A
A
H
?!!!



**I'M
GONNA
BEAT
YOU!!!!**

WCH





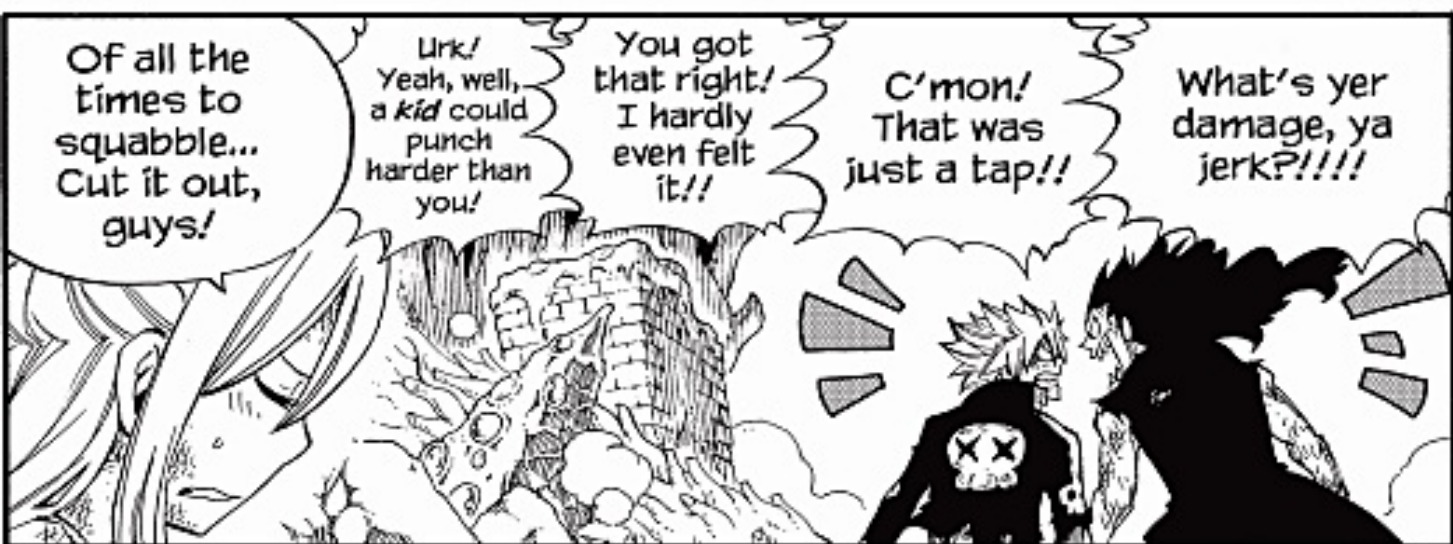
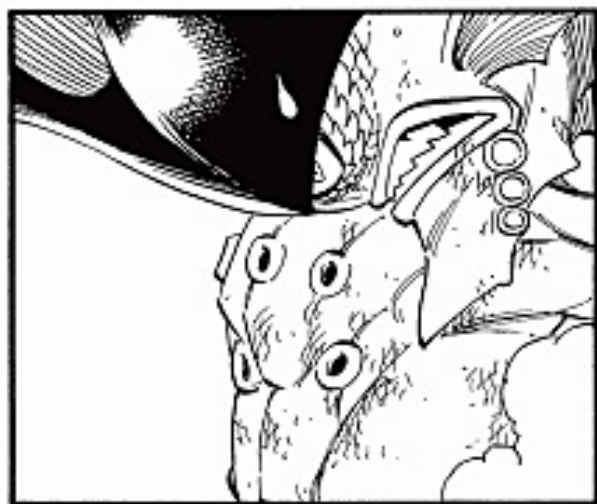
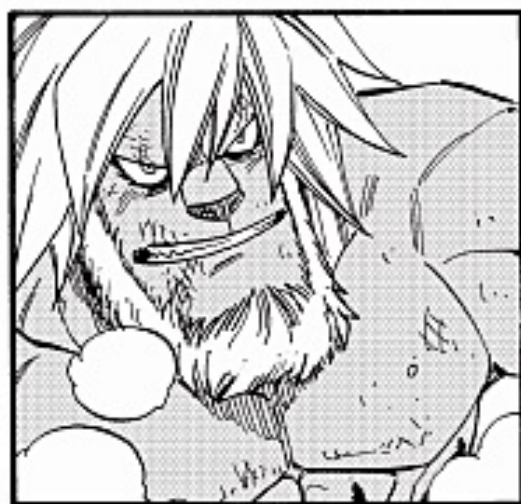
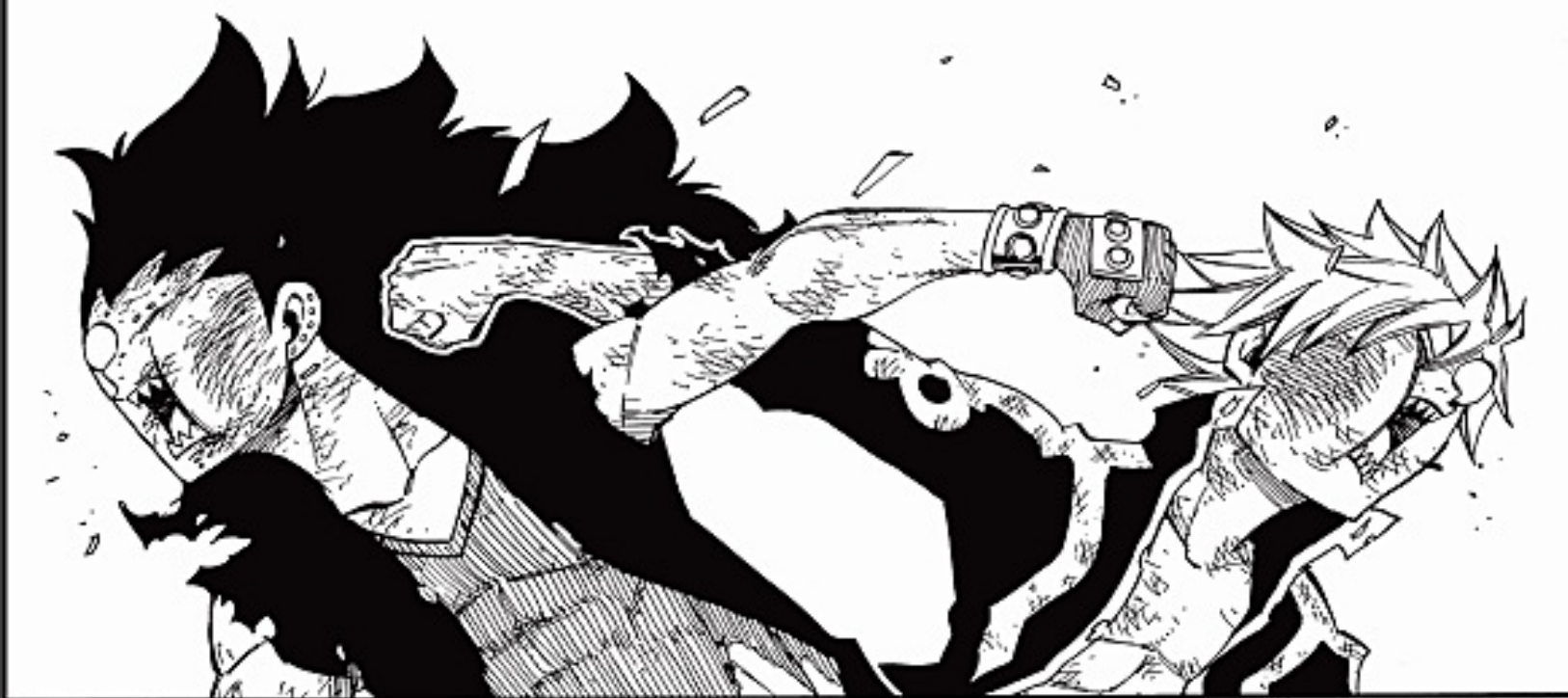
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Chapter 396: Air





No, I'm
gonna beat
my guy
first!!!!

I'm
gonna win
this!!!

Don't
you start...
You're
not even
awake!

Rival in
love...

We will
be the
winners!

...in the
watery
depths
of Hell!!

Come
join me...

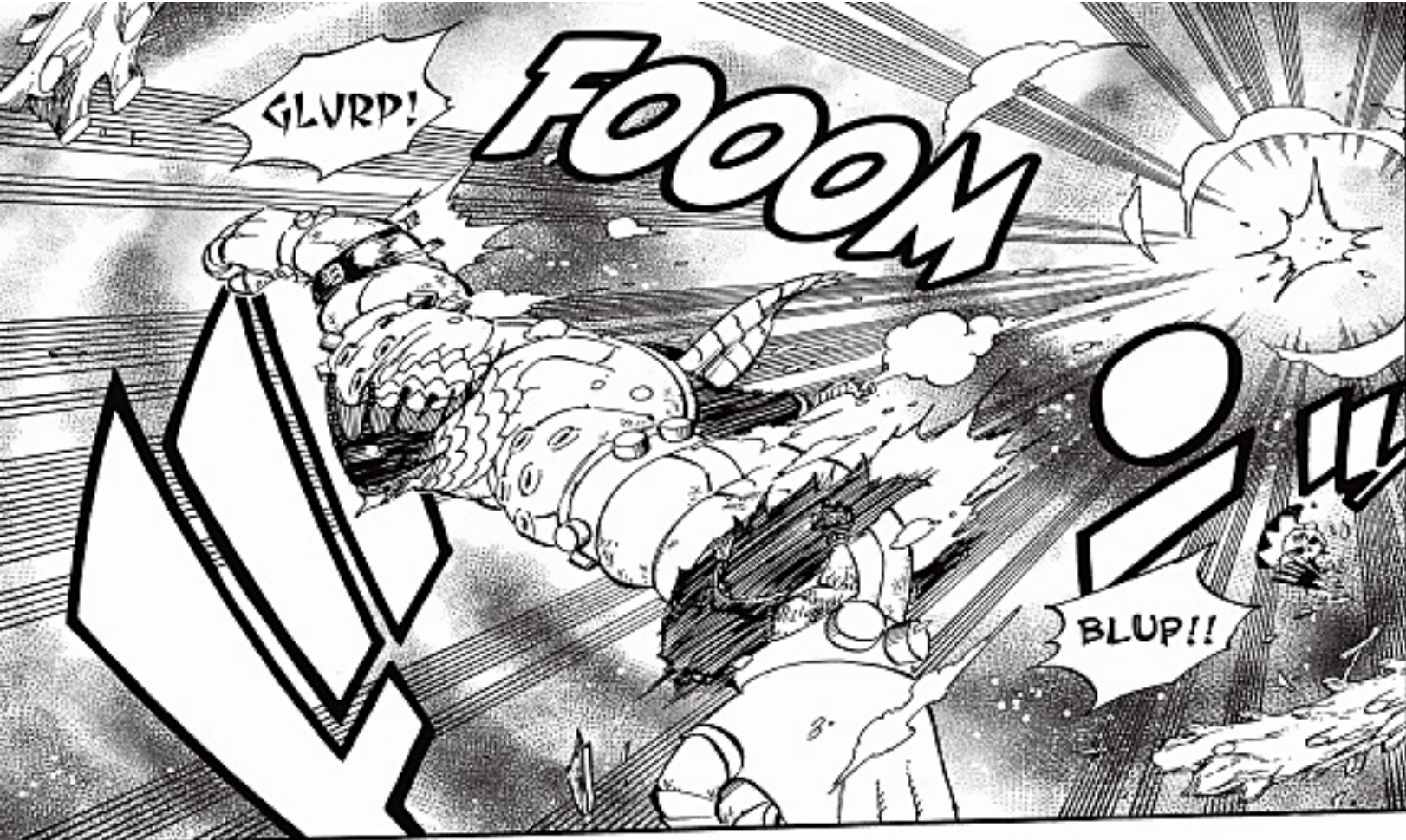




*Depths of Hell's Darkness







My fire
won't
light!!



Salamander!!
Get the girls
and find some
way outta this
water!!!



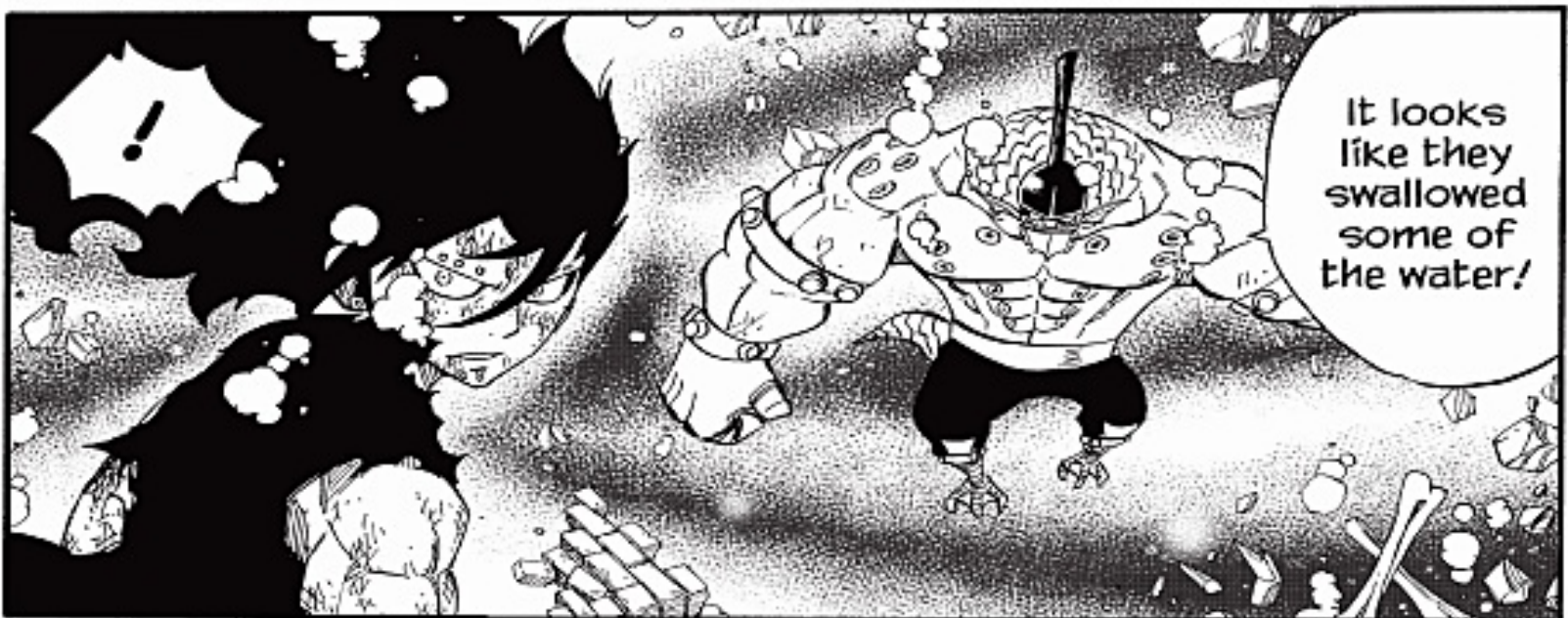
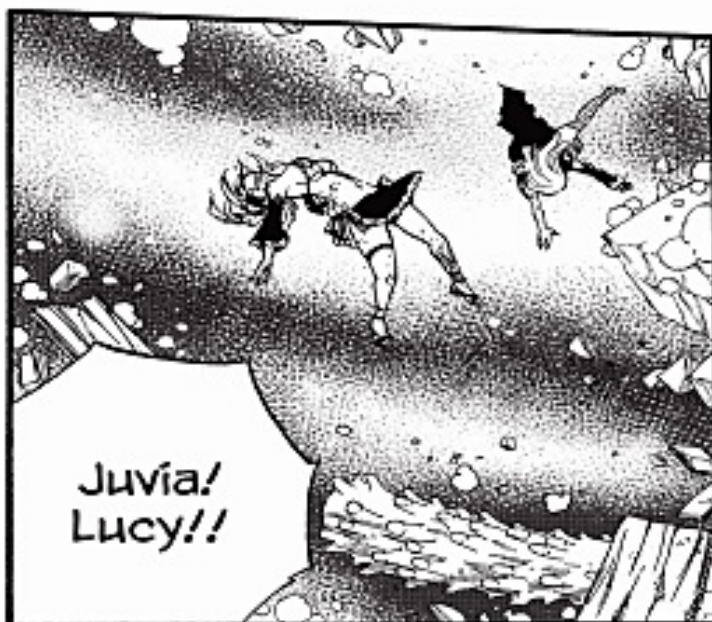
And the
other one
is just
watching
?!

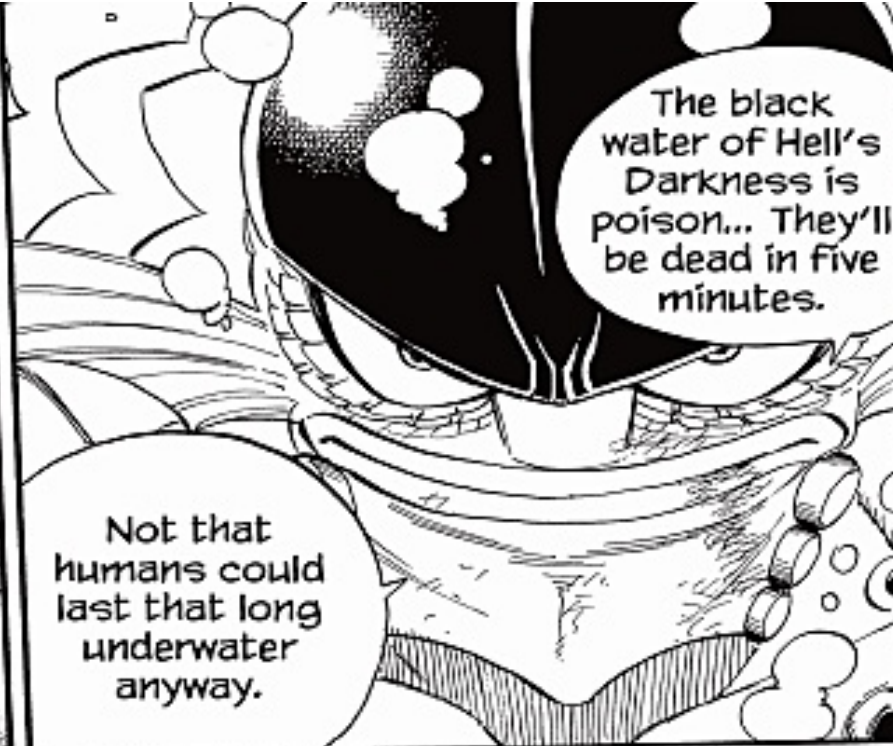
They think
we'll go
down that
easy?!



Awful fast
in the water,
ain't he?!







The black water of Hell's Darkness is poison... They'll be dead in five minutes.

Not that humans could last that long underwater anyway.



I gotta knock this guy out quick!!!

There's no escape!



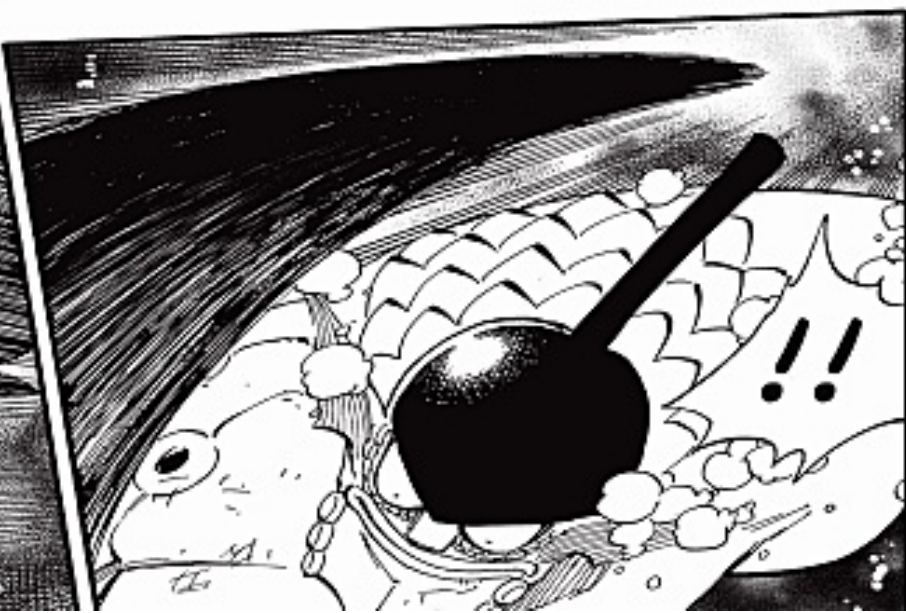
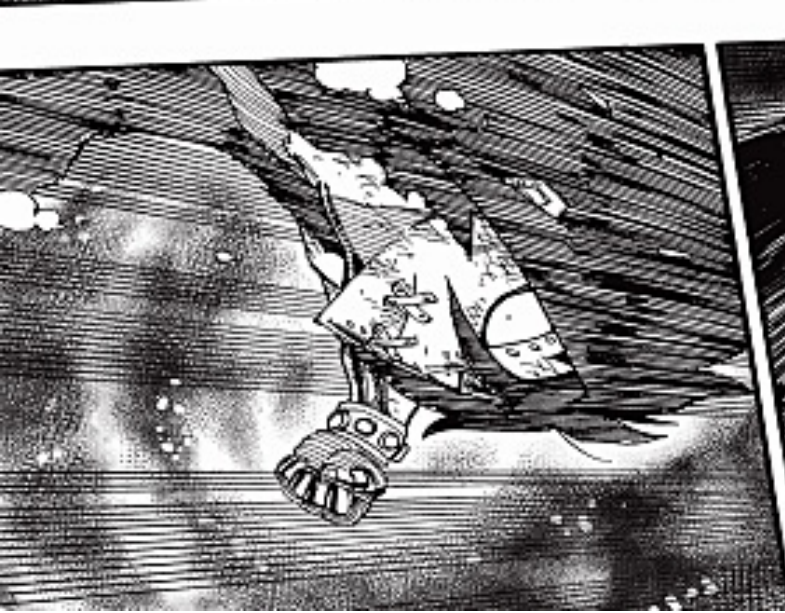
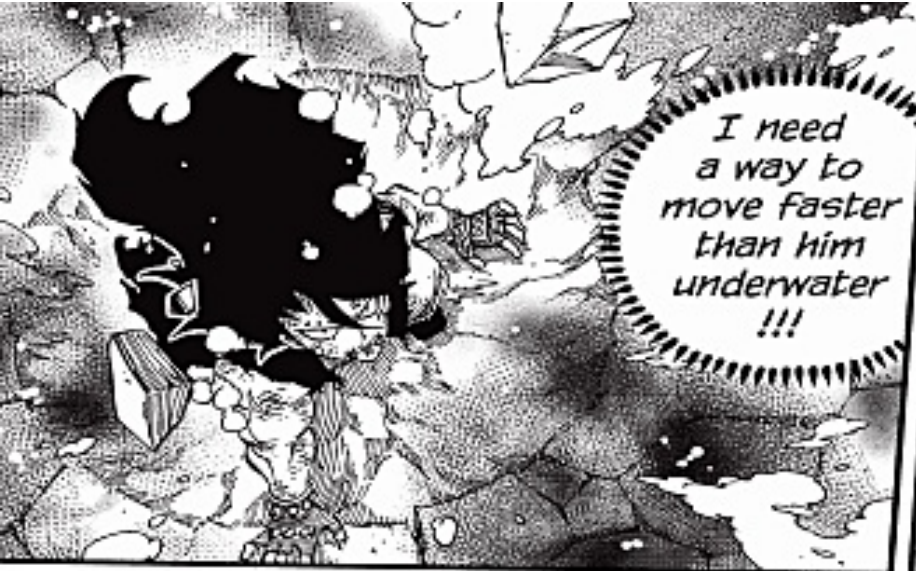
He's fast!!!



I've flooded every floor!

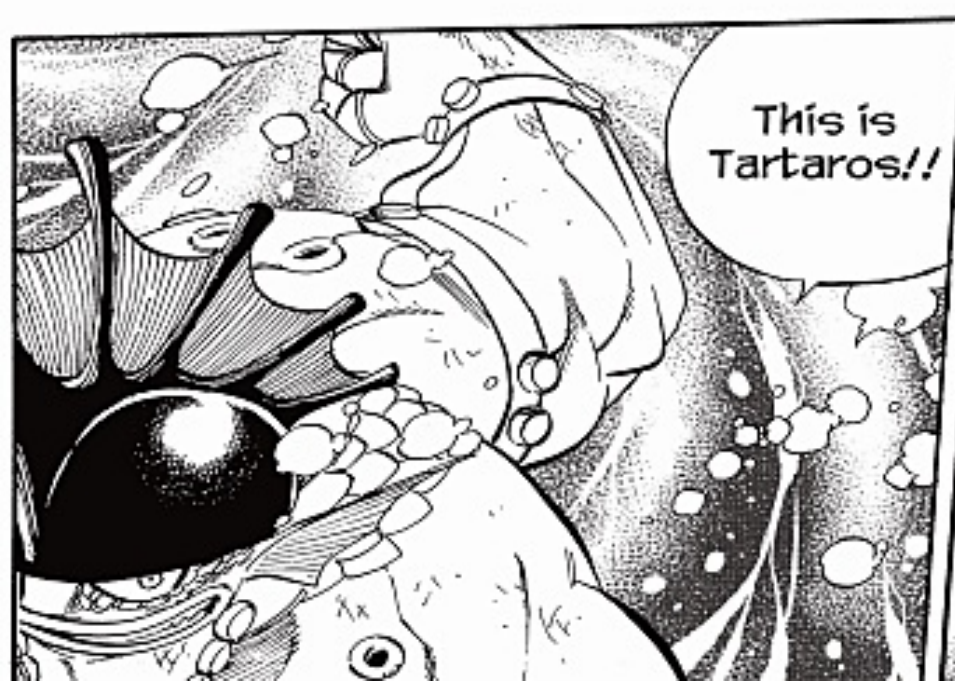
GWOOSH















*Dammit...
I can't see
nothing no
more...*

*If I
just had
some
air...*

*...I
could
take this
creep
down...*

*My
body...*

*...won't
move...*

*Everything's
gone black...*

*Does this
mean
I'm gonna
die...?*

*Can't...
hold
on...*

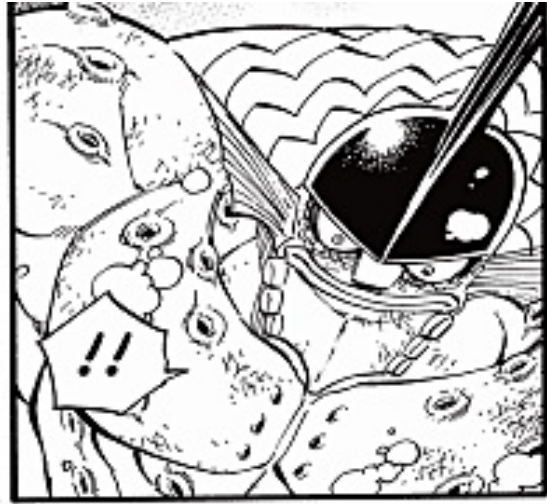
*Who
needs
light?!
I need
air!!*

*A
light...?*

...anymore...

*Gimme
air!!!!*







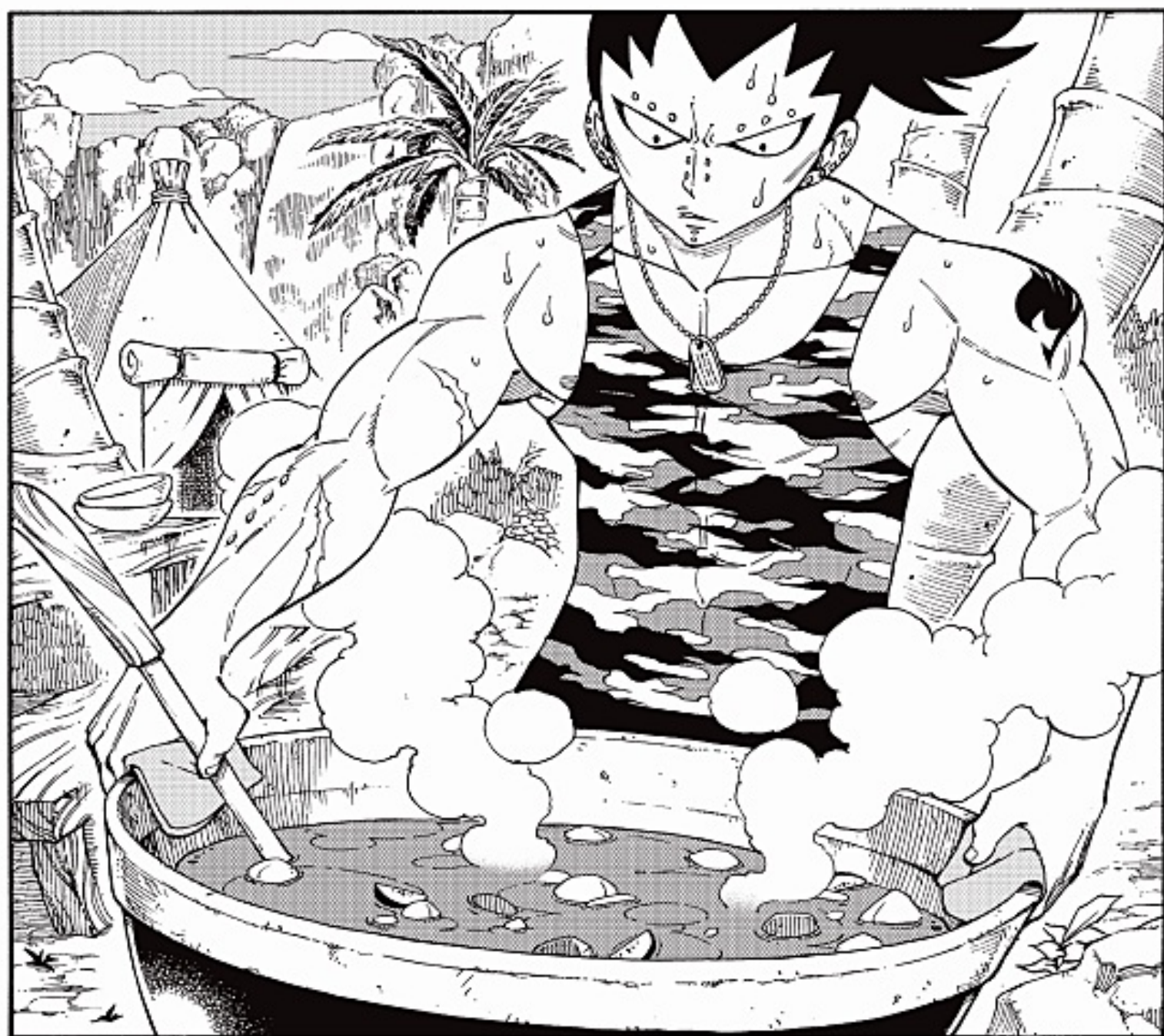
**OUTTA
MY
WAY
!!!!**

**GAAAH
!!**

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Chapter 397: Steel





You gave
me air,
right?

Do it
again!!



U-Um, no...
All I did
was give you
some of the
air I had
left...



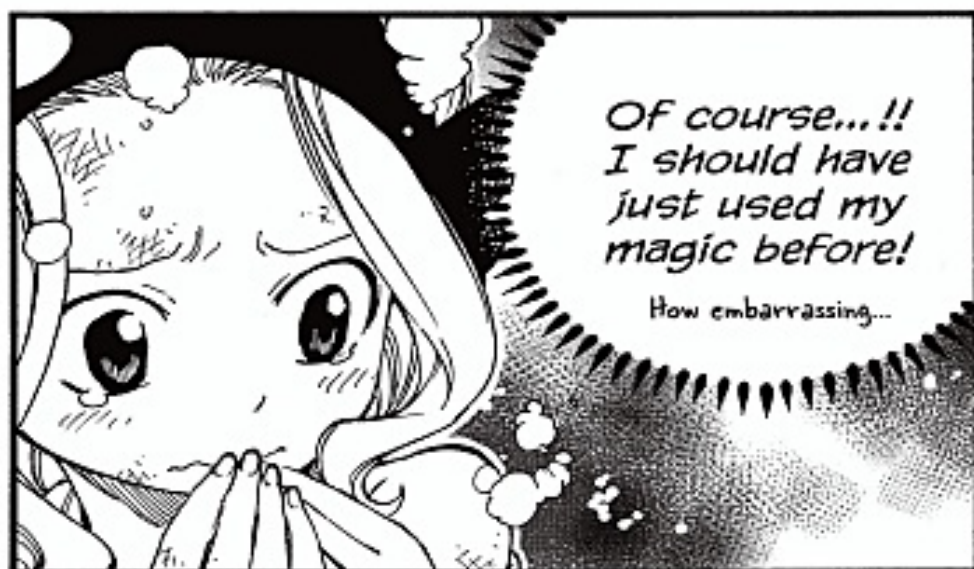
"Do it
again"...?



I can't!
I'm...already
out of air
myself...

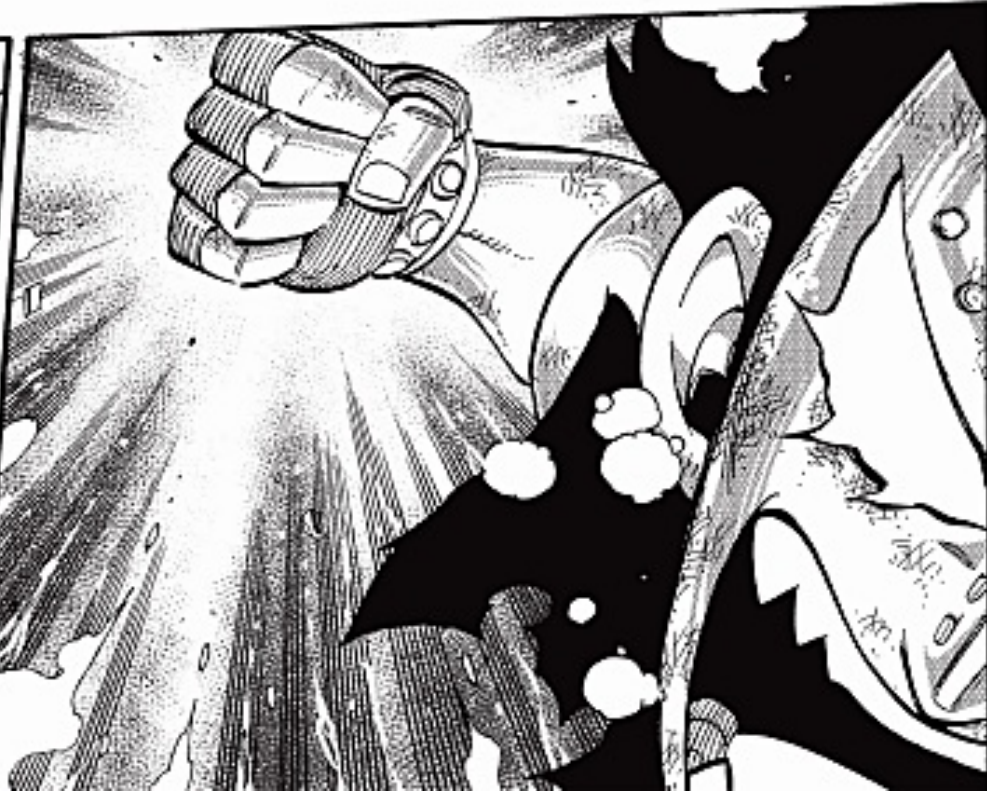
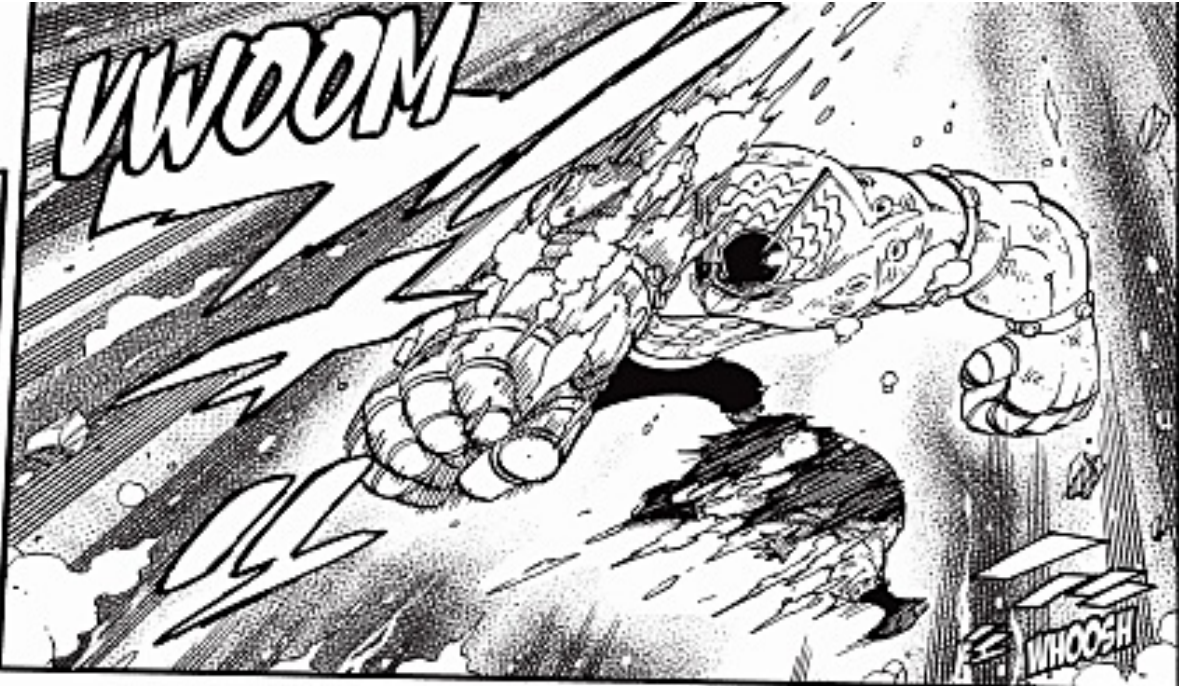
What? Come
on!! Salamander
and the girls
need some
too!

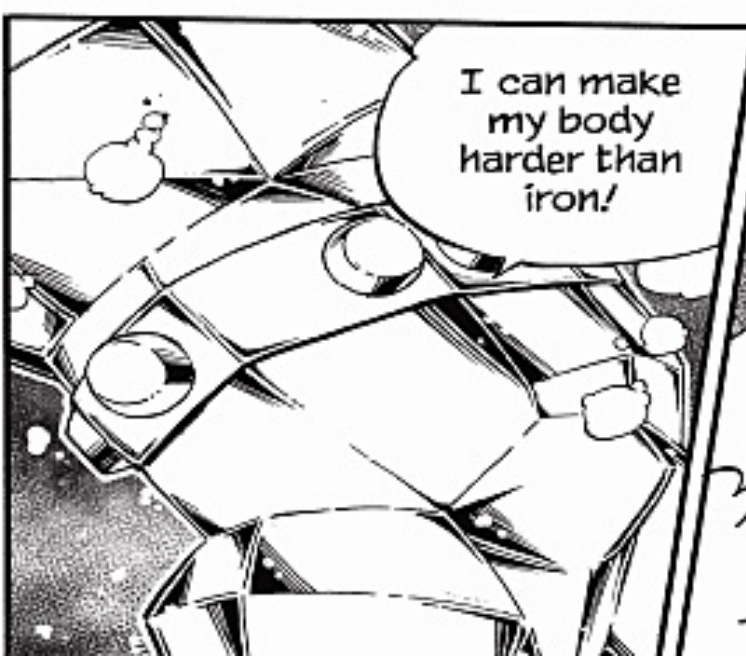
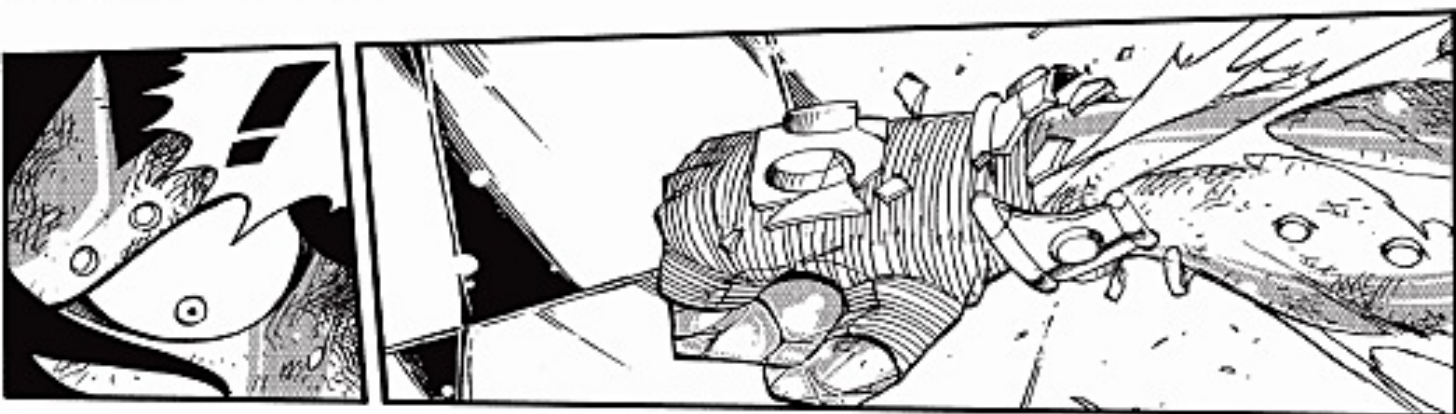
Besides...
I only did it for
you because you
just *happened*
to be the first
one I noticed!

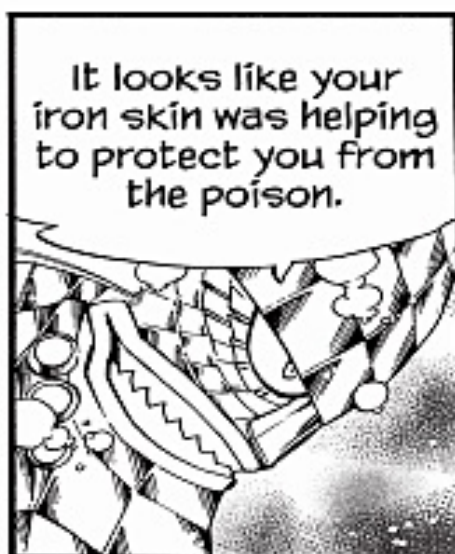
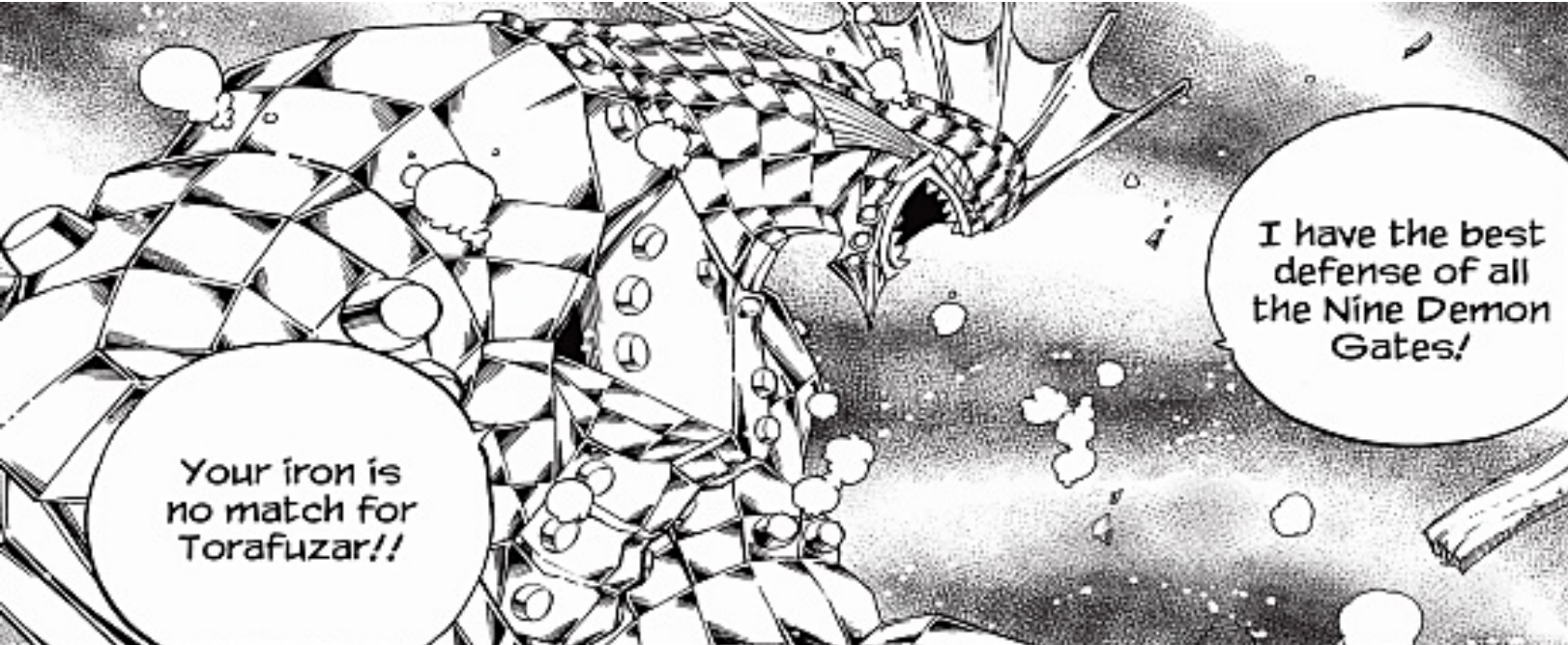


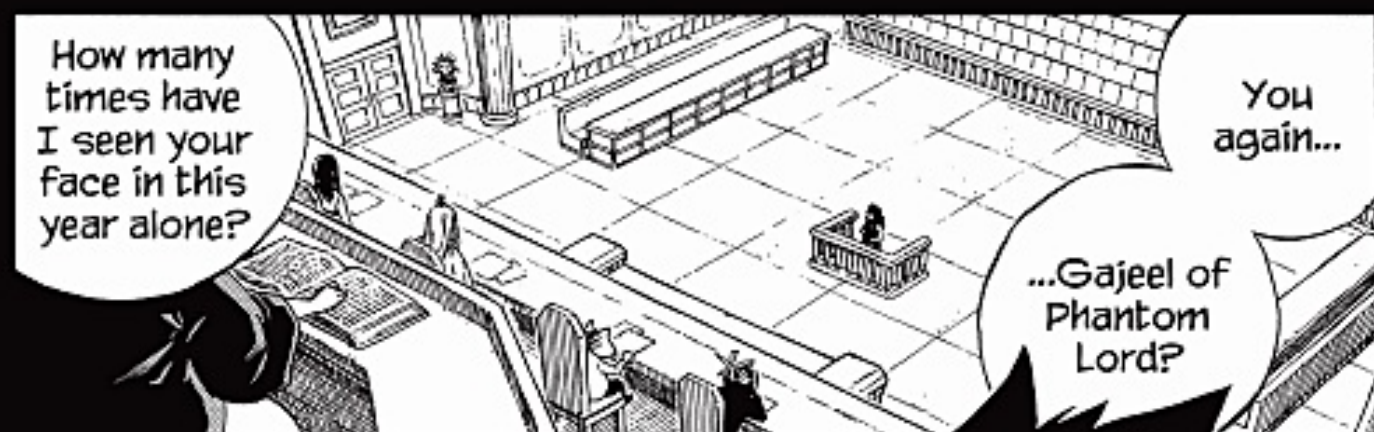
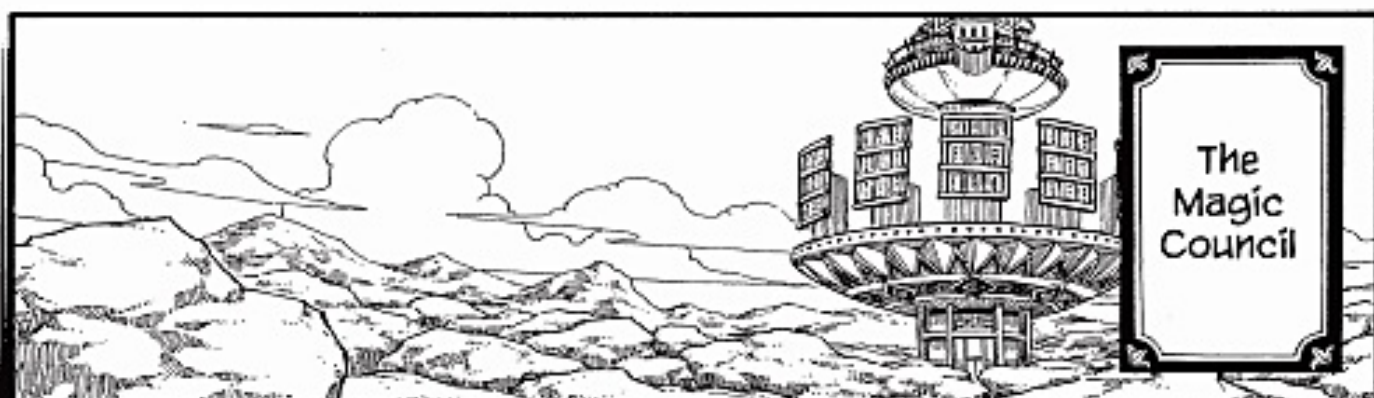












You again?

Wait there, Gajeel.

You should leave Phantom.

My advice is the same as it ever was.



**COUNCIL MEMBER
ELDER BELNO**

You think you can order an iron dragon slayer around?!

Listen, you old bag!

Phantom's aggression is growing more extreme. They will soon reach a point where we will have no choice but to...

You can take your advice and shove it! You got no business tellin' me what to do!

I will repeat myself as many times as necessary.

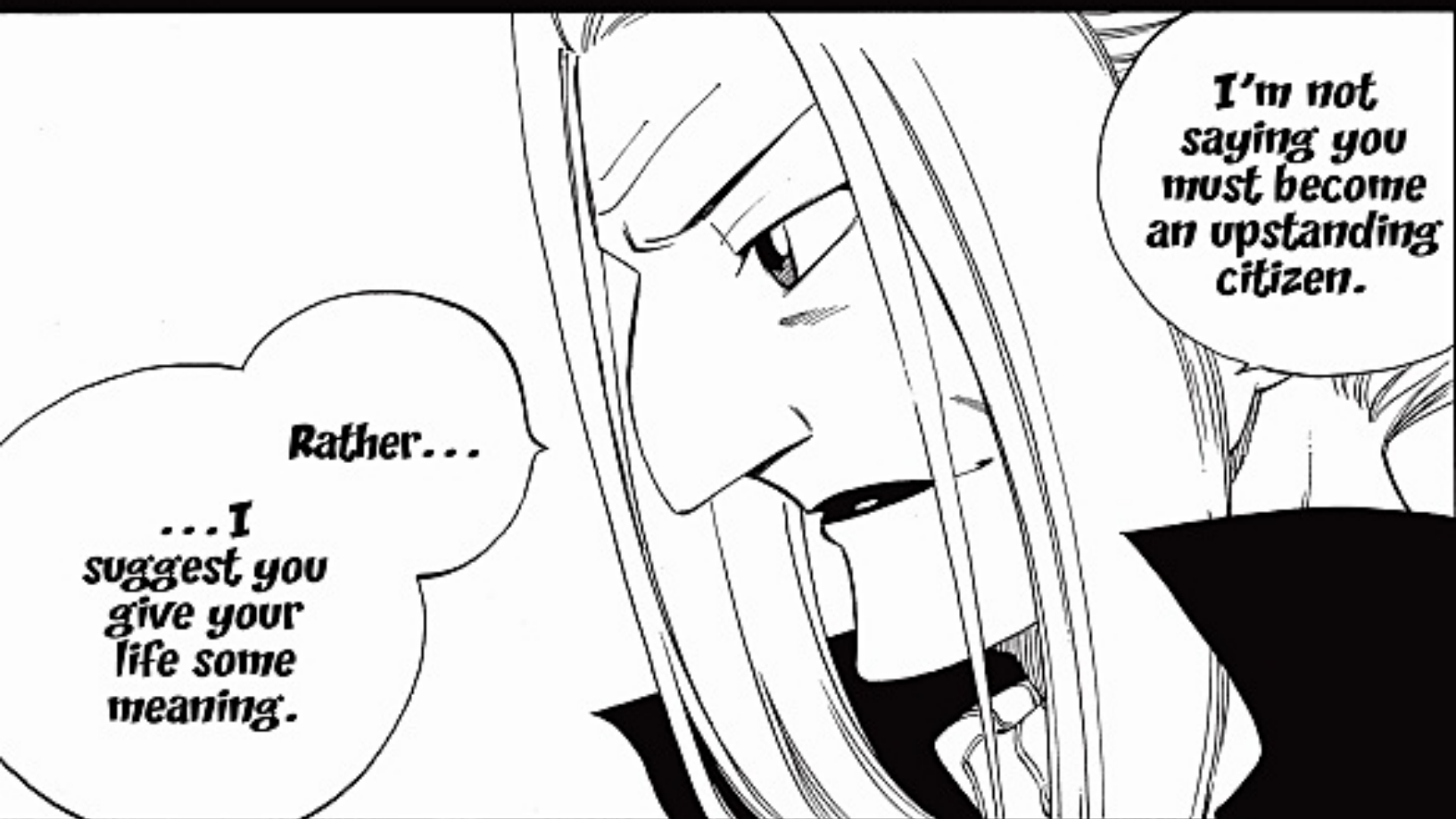


You
got
some
nerve...

Each and
every one of
them was
lonely, deep
down inside.



I've seen
hundreds of
young men
like you.



Rather...

...I
suggest you
give your
life some
meaning.

I'm not
saying you
must become
an upstanding
citizen.



We're goin'
to war with
Fairy Tail!

HA HA HA HA HA

If that's what
ya want...
I got plenty
of meaning
in my life
already!



Dammit!!
If we'd
gotten
here just
a little bit
sooner...



Gajeel...



But there
seems to be
no destruction
here.

We've
deduced
that it was
an assassi-
nation.

We were
too late.



Granny... In
the end, you
and I never
got to have a
decent talk.

But you were
watchin' out
for me... from
the time I
was a runt...



You
wanted me
to give
my life
meaning...



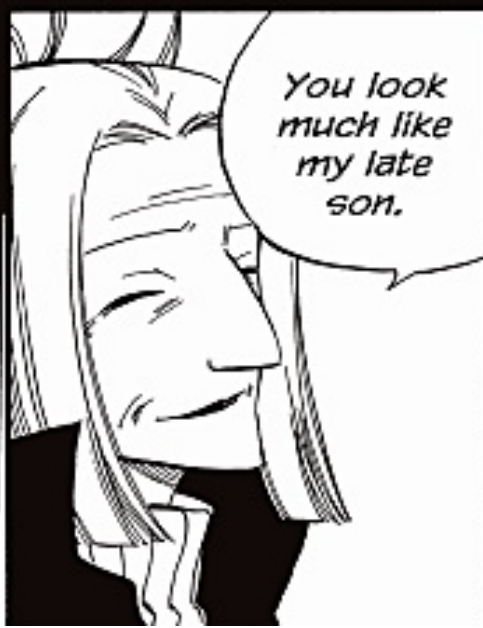


**And I
couldn't do
anything
to pay you
back!**



*I'll
remember
your words
instead.*

*I'll get
revenge for
you!!! No...
That ain't
right...*



*You look
much like
my late
son.*

*Like that
one time
when you
said...*

*And I'm
gonna try
my best to
live up to
them.*



*Don't go
comparing me
to some dead
guy!! That's
creepy!!!*



*I ain't the
scrap iron
that I used
to be!!*

*I got
somethin' to
show you, ya
old hag, so
you better be
looking down
here right
now!!*



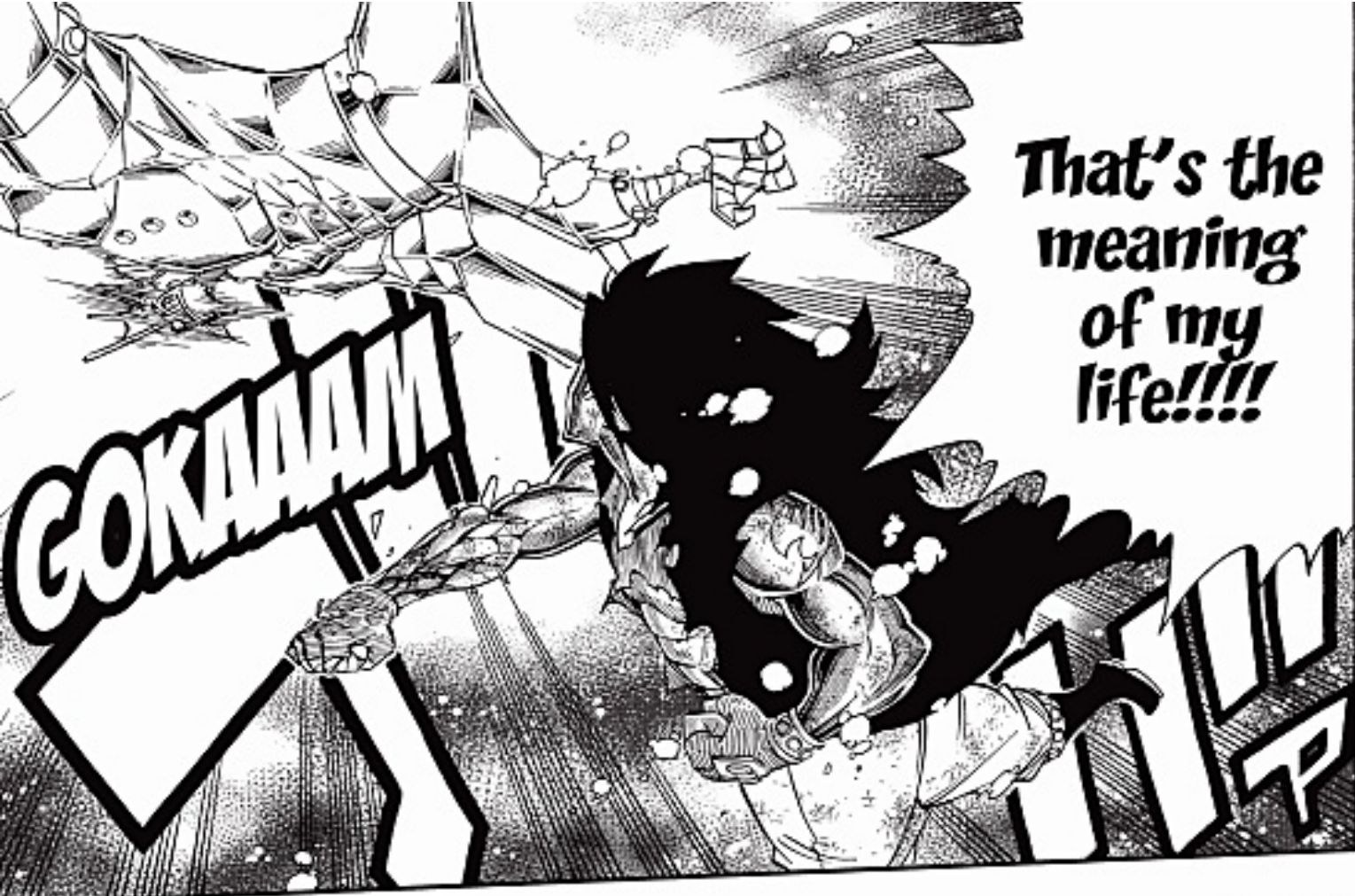
*No... I will
keep them
safe!!!*



*But...
I wanna keep
those guys
behind me
safe!!!*



*I got no idea if
this is the sort
of "meaning"
you were talkin'
about!!*



**That's the
meaning
of my
life!!!!**



No...
That's not
iron!!

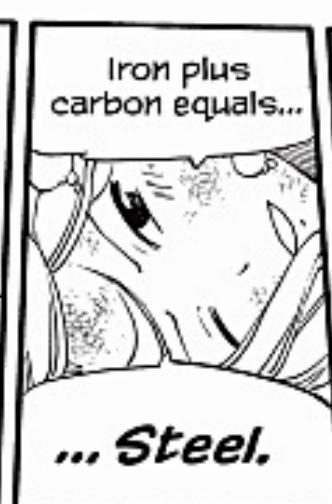


How
could mere
iron get
through my
defenses
?!

Not
possible
!!



He
turned
into
steel
...?!!



Iron plus
carbon equals...

... **Steel.**



Has his
skin been
absorbing
carbon from
the black
water...?





KAMM KAMM KAMM

KÔRYŪ-
KEN*
!!!!

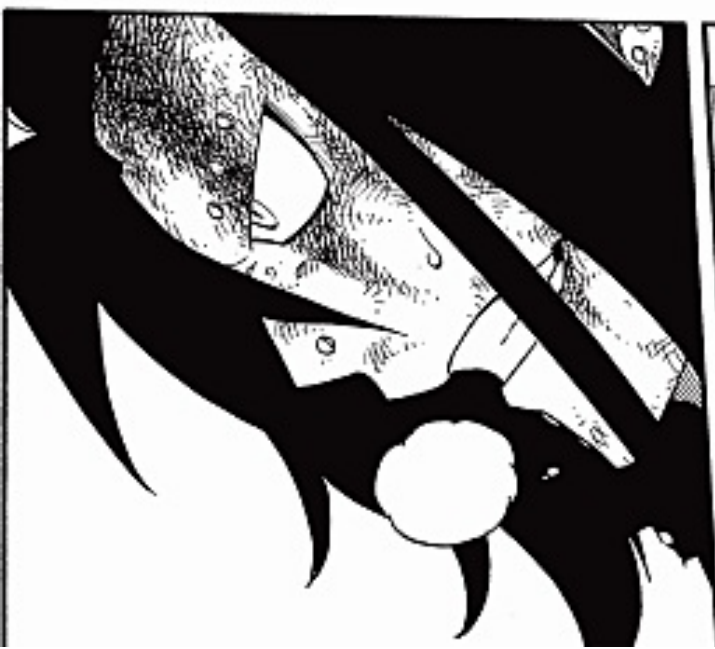
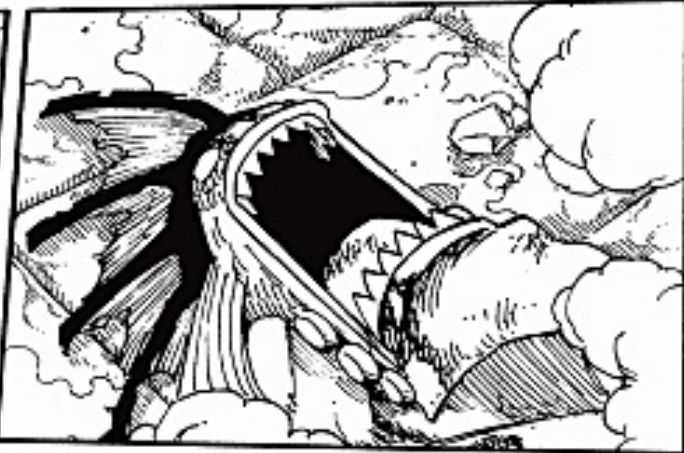
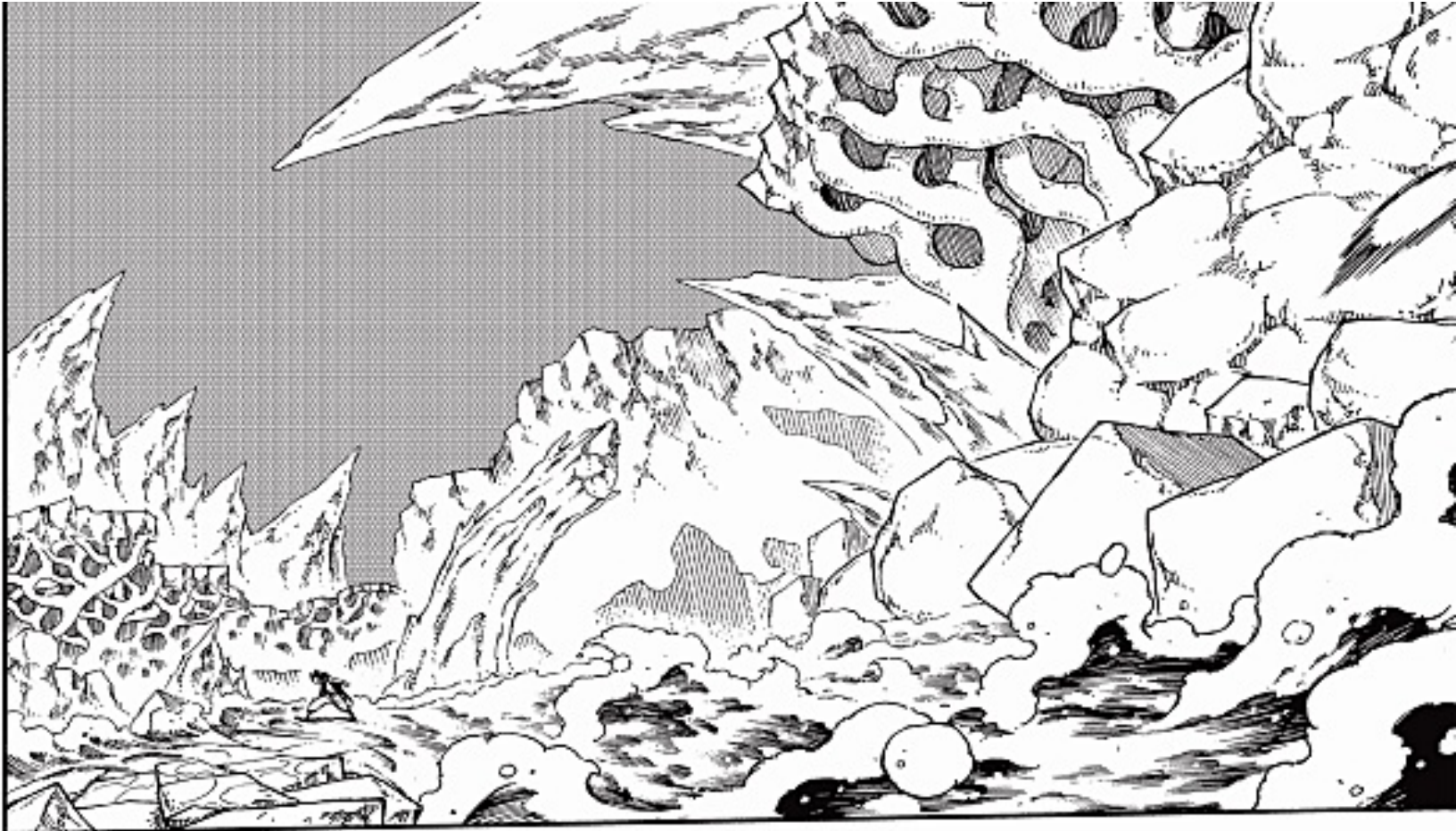


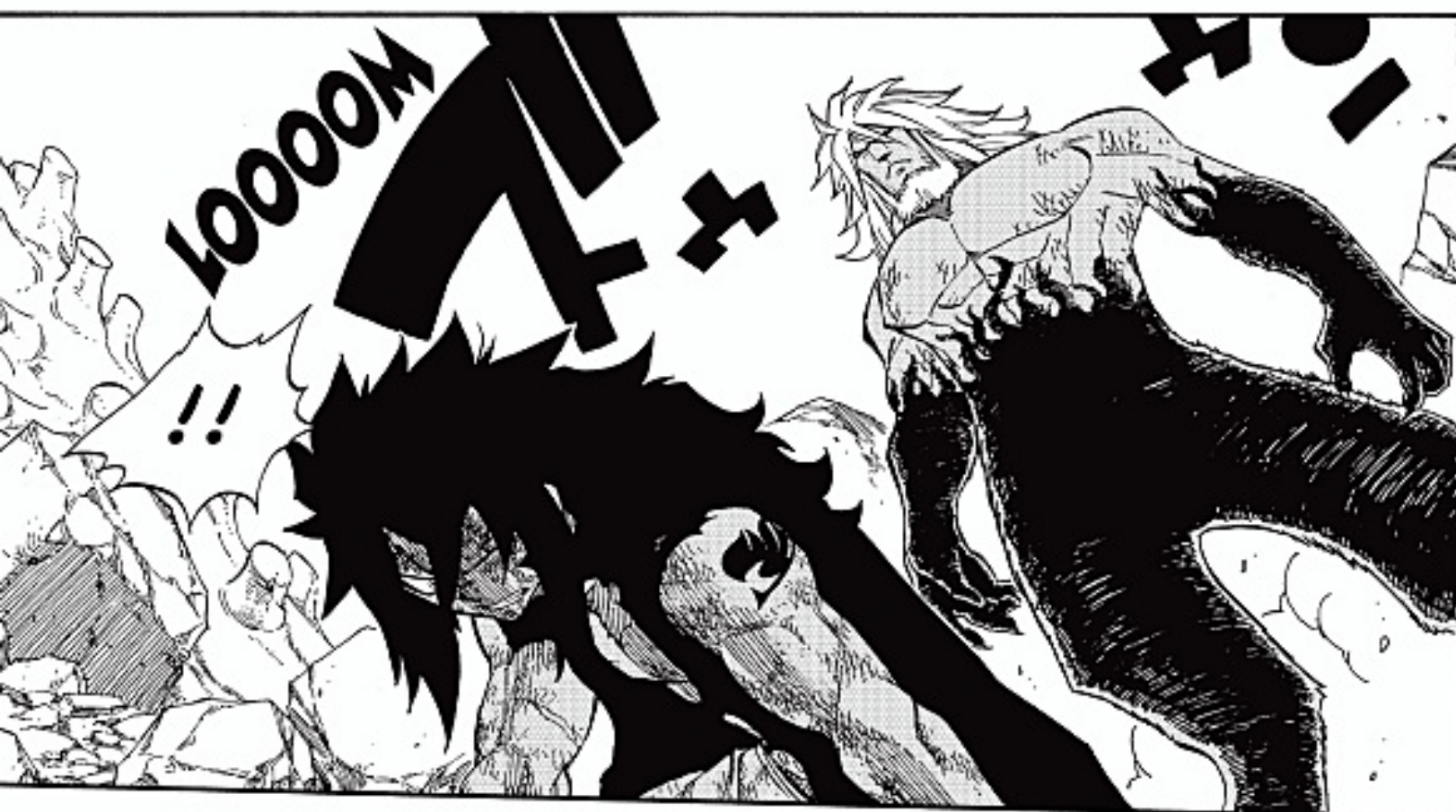
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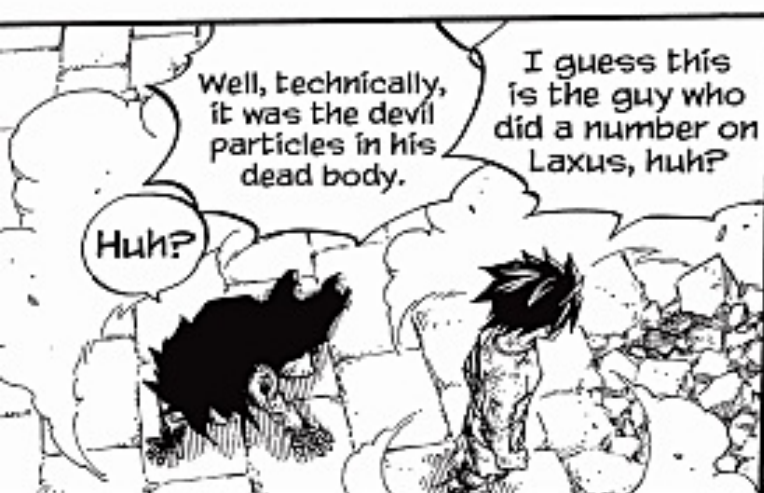
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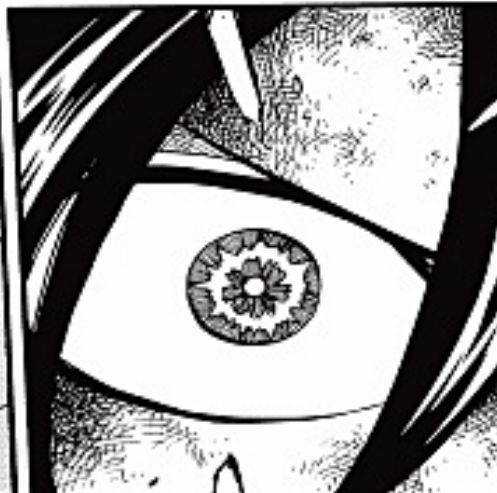




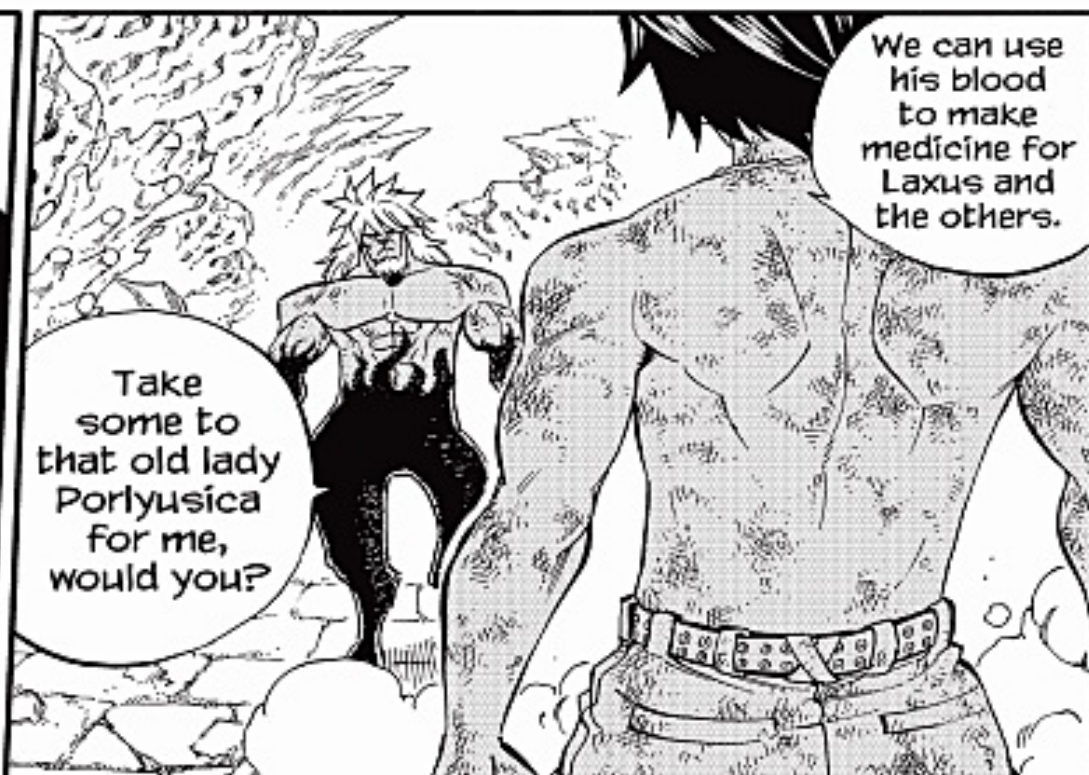
Well, technically, it was the devil particles in his dead body.

I guess this is the guy who did a number on Laxus, huh?

Huh?



Ask me again after you *actually* do him in!



We can use his blood to make medicine for Laxus and the others.

Take some to that old lady Porlyusica for me, would you?



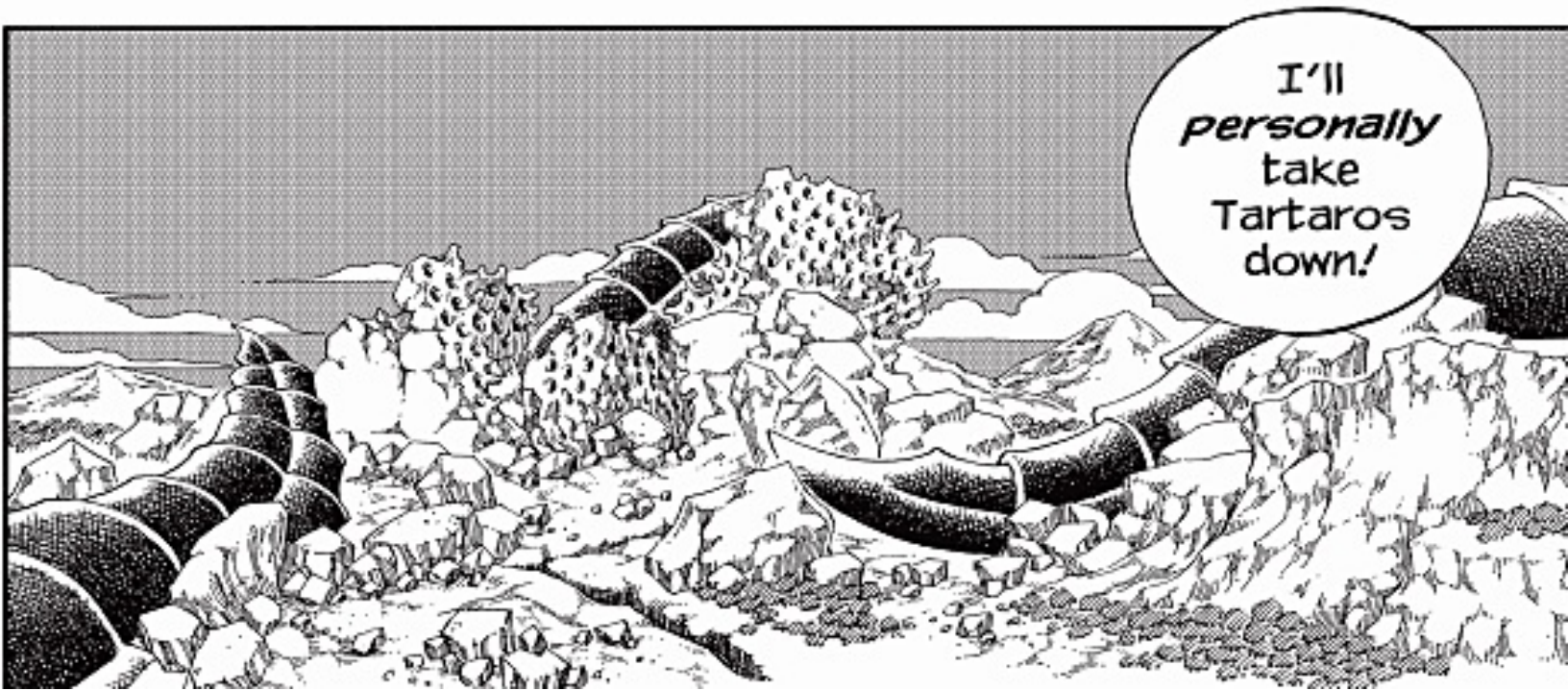






**LONG
SWORD
OFFICE
DEMON
ZERO
!!!!**

CHKA





Hmm... I
don't think
Keyes-sama
is animating
him...

So it
must
be...

We have
to stop
him!!

GURK!

WAAH
WAAH

DMP

Mr.
Chairman
!!!

...is
moving
on its
own...!!

GRRN

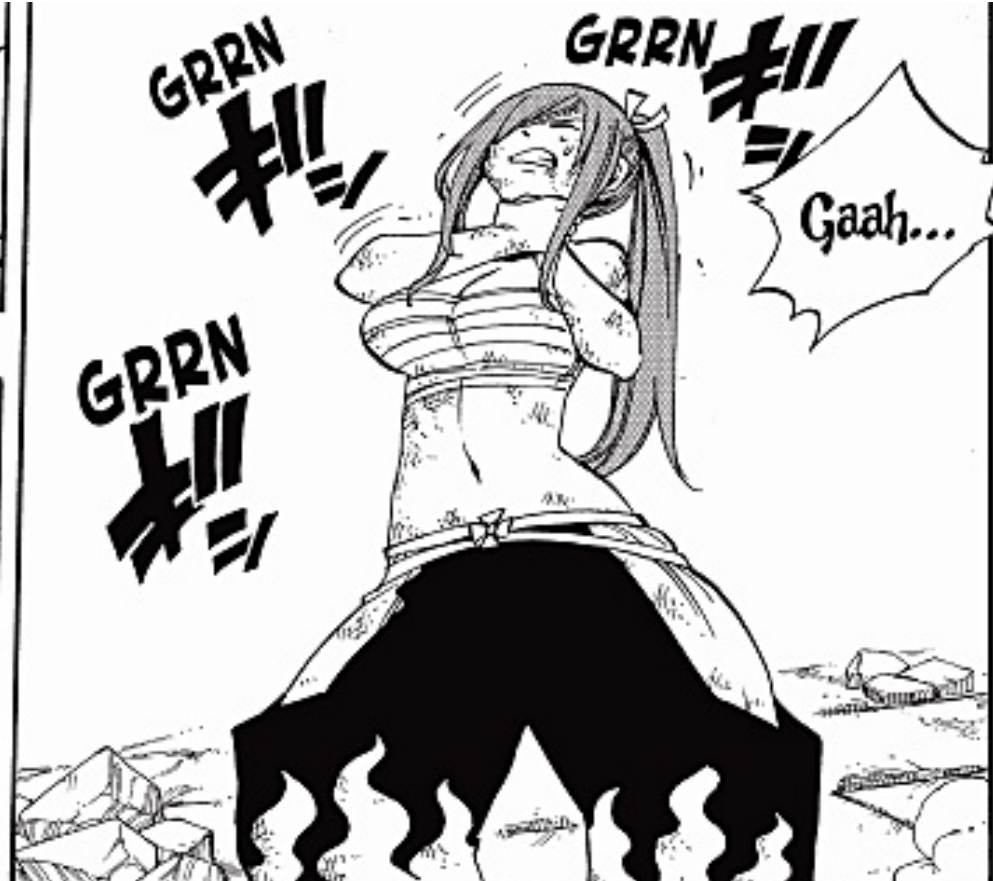
GRRN

GRRN

Wh-
What's
this?

My
body...

STOP





Indeed, I am.
Though I lack
Keyes-sama's
finesse,

my Macro
grants me
some measure
of control over
the deceased.

And with the
authority of the
chairman, we are
able to activate...

...all 3,000 Face
units directly
from this location.

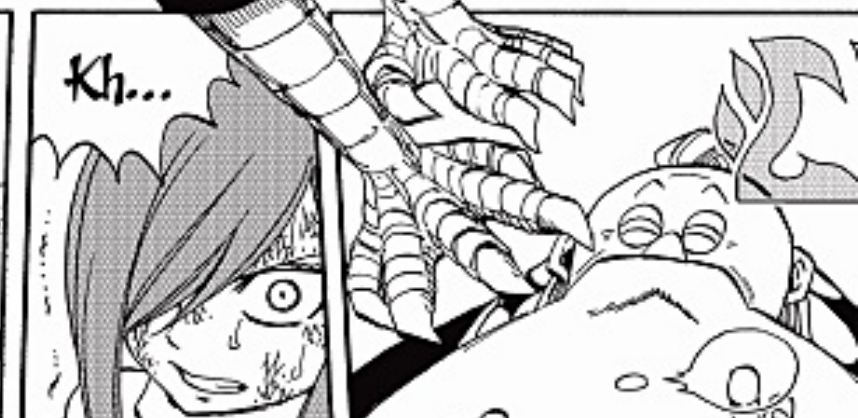


Er...
zā...

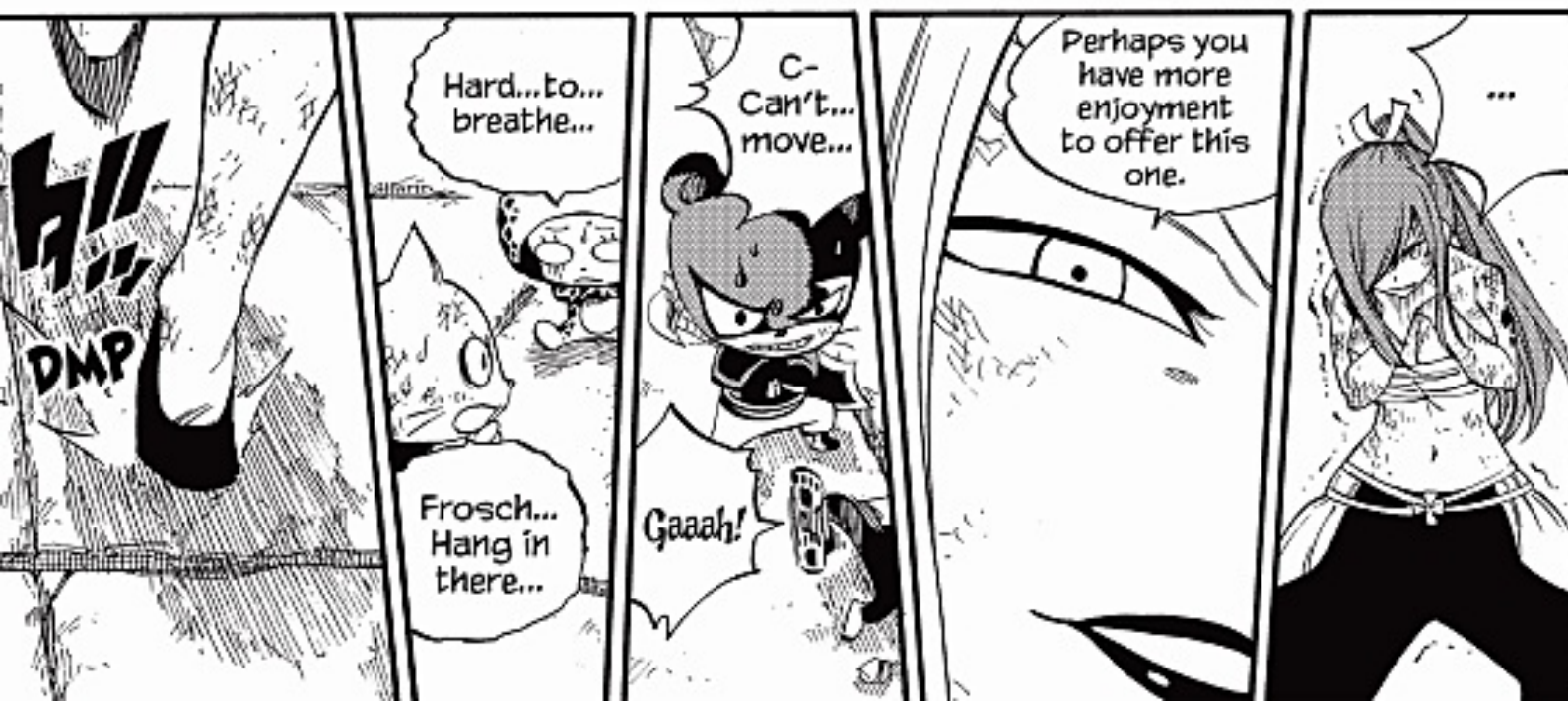
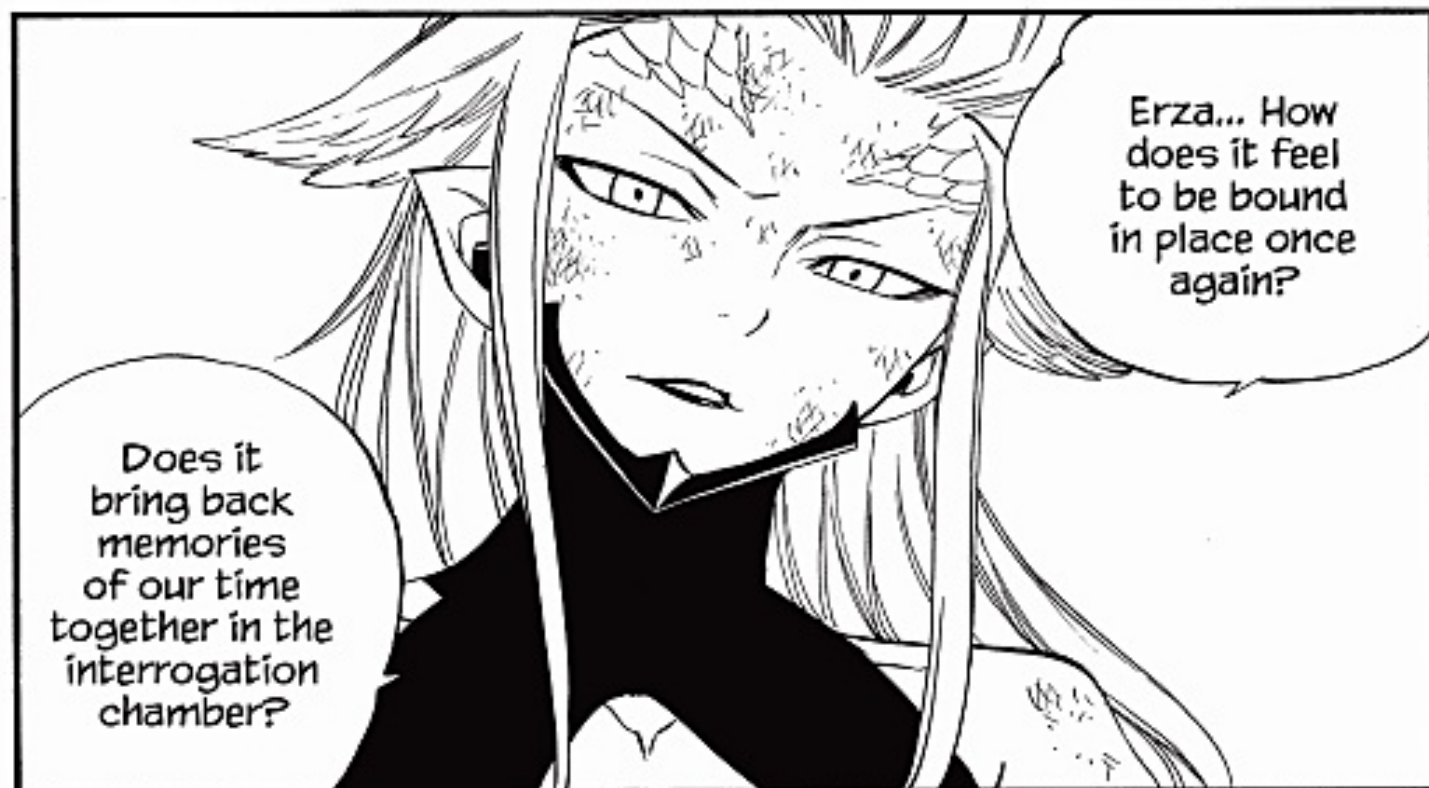


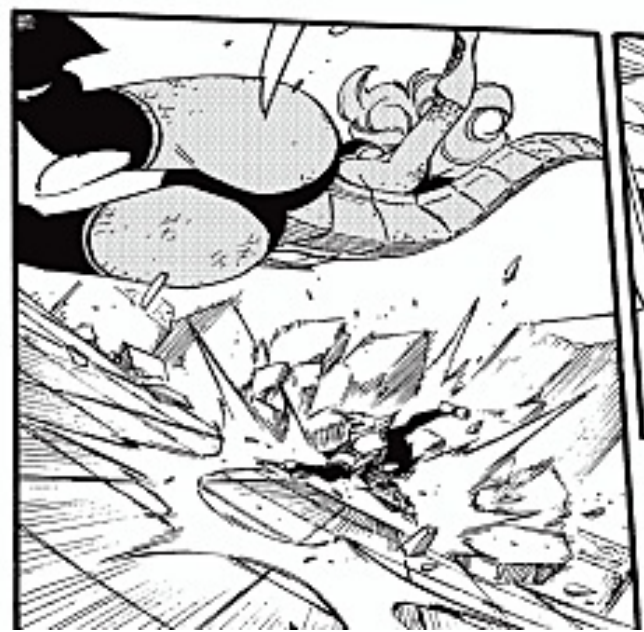
Ngggh!

AGGH!



Kh...







And the chair-
man's
down!!



Right!! The
feeling's
back in my
limbs!!



We can
move
again!!



Mira... I
was worried
about you!!

Same
here!

I think
I just used
up... what was
left of my
strength...



You
impertinent...



Be at
ease.



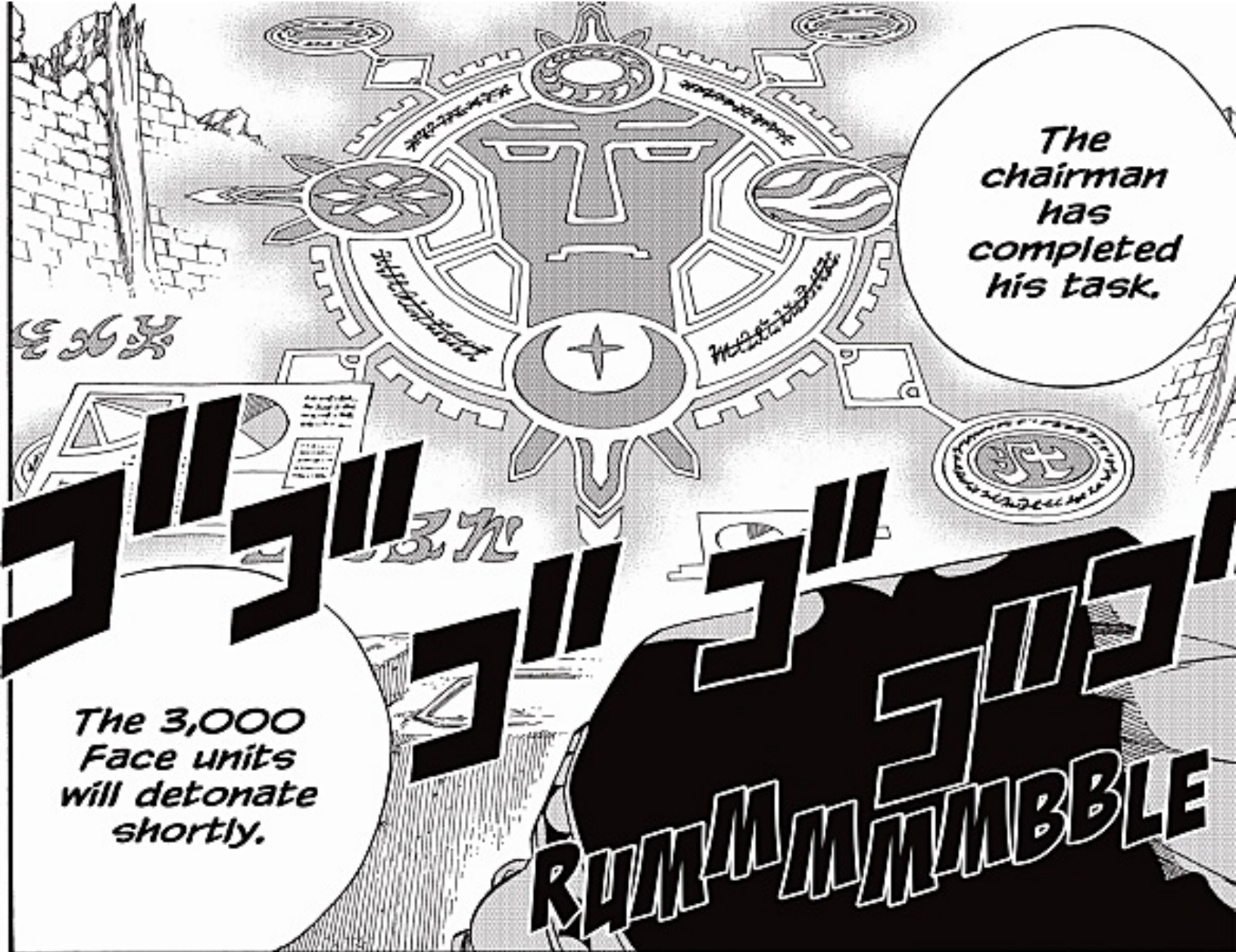
The Face
Operation...



Forgive
me... It was
my last...



Sellah... You
performed
admirably with
but a fraction of
your curse power
remaining.



The chairman has completed his task.

The 3,000 Face units will detonate shortly.



We did it!!!

RUMMMBLE

No...

!!

Bask in Zeref-kyô's magnificence...

Please... Fulfill our shared yearning...

You are the lone surviving member of the Nine Demon Gates.

Kyôka-sama...

She's sucking
up Seilah-sama's
curse power! Oh,
how much power
will she gain? How
much?

That's
my
trick!

Your soul
will share
in that
joy.

SHIIING
X X X X X X X

Of
course.

Erza,
please!!!

Please
win this,
Kyôka-
sama!!!

Take Kyôka
down!!!
She has
most of the
information!!

Stop
them!!
What
else?!

What
can we
do?!

You
mean the
bombs
will go
off?!!

Yes!



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Chapter 399: Wings of Despair





32
minutes
until
detonation
of the
Face
bombs



I will
stop
you!!

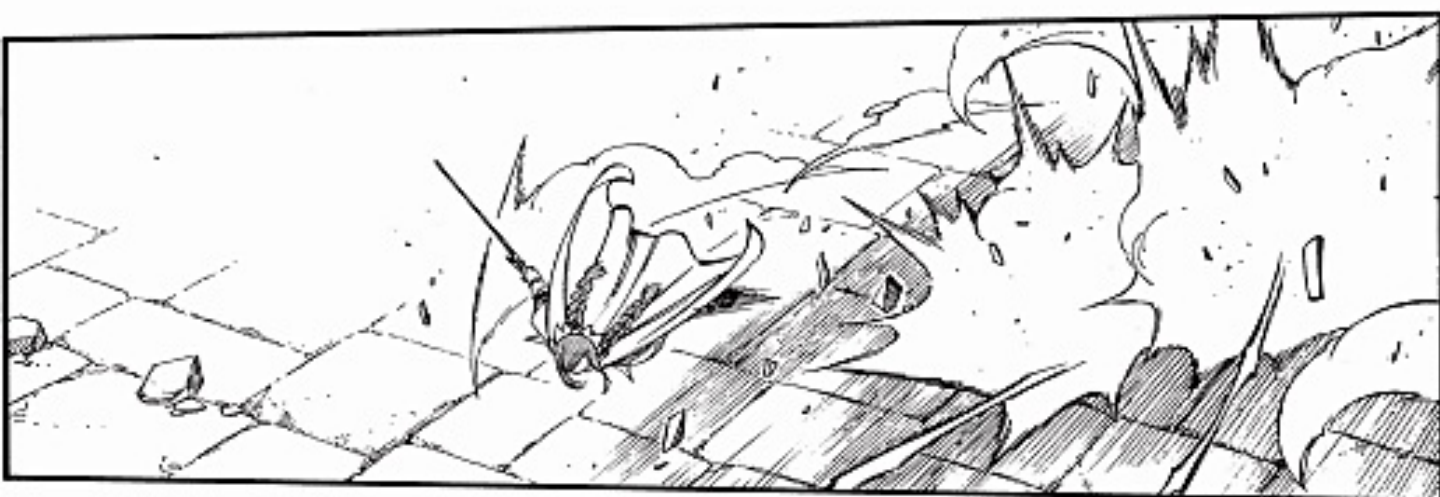
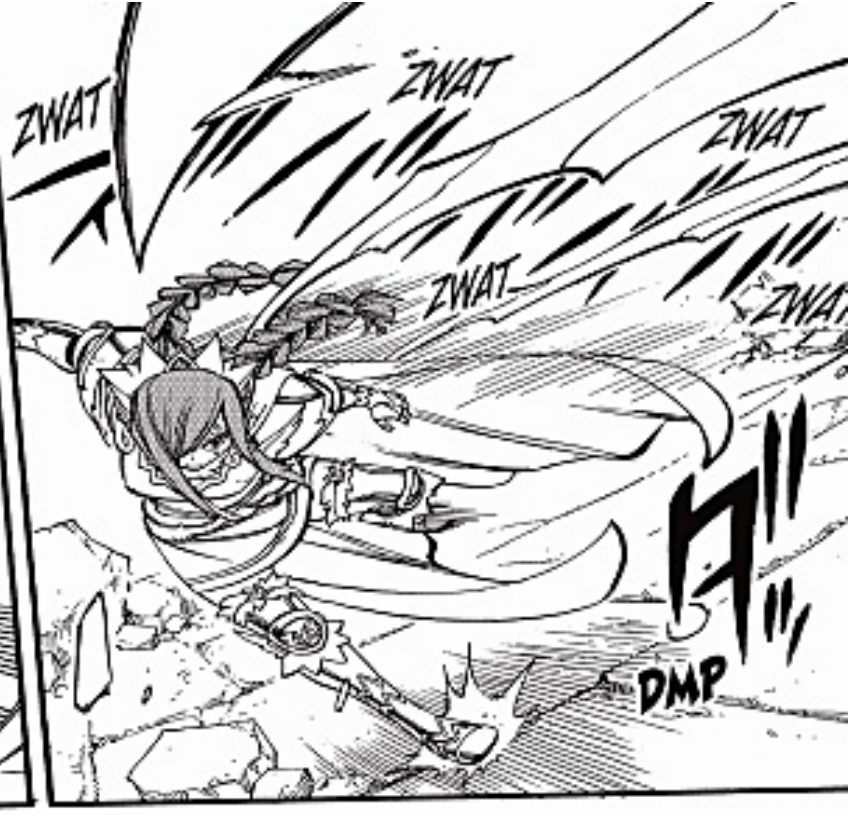


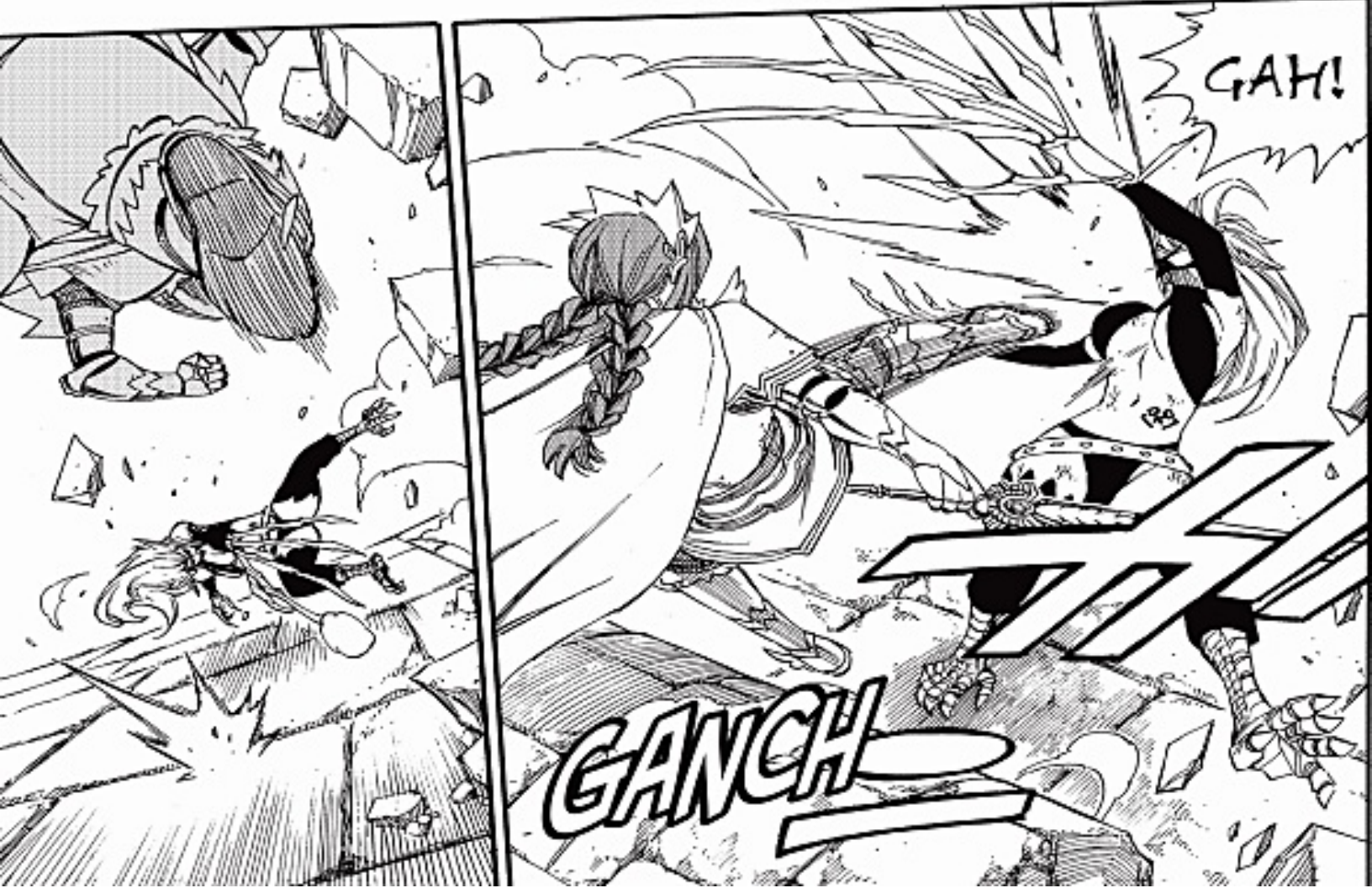
You are
already
too late.



Not
yet!!





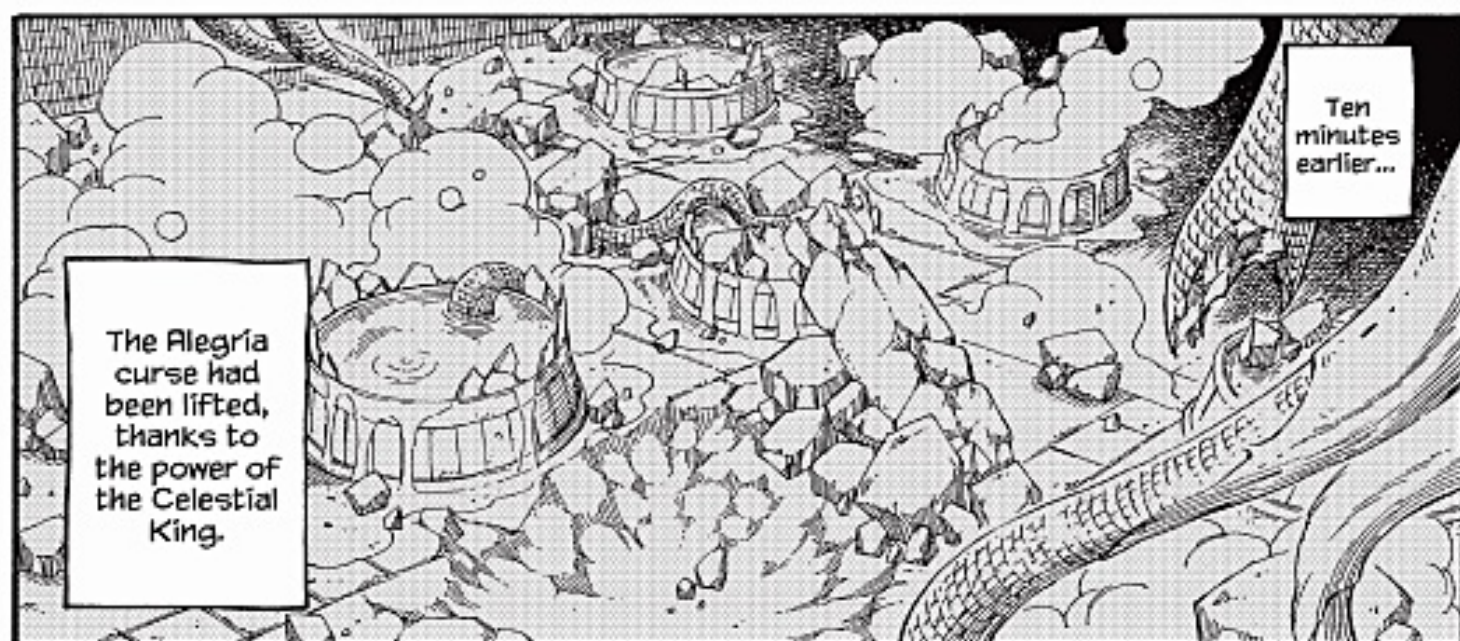


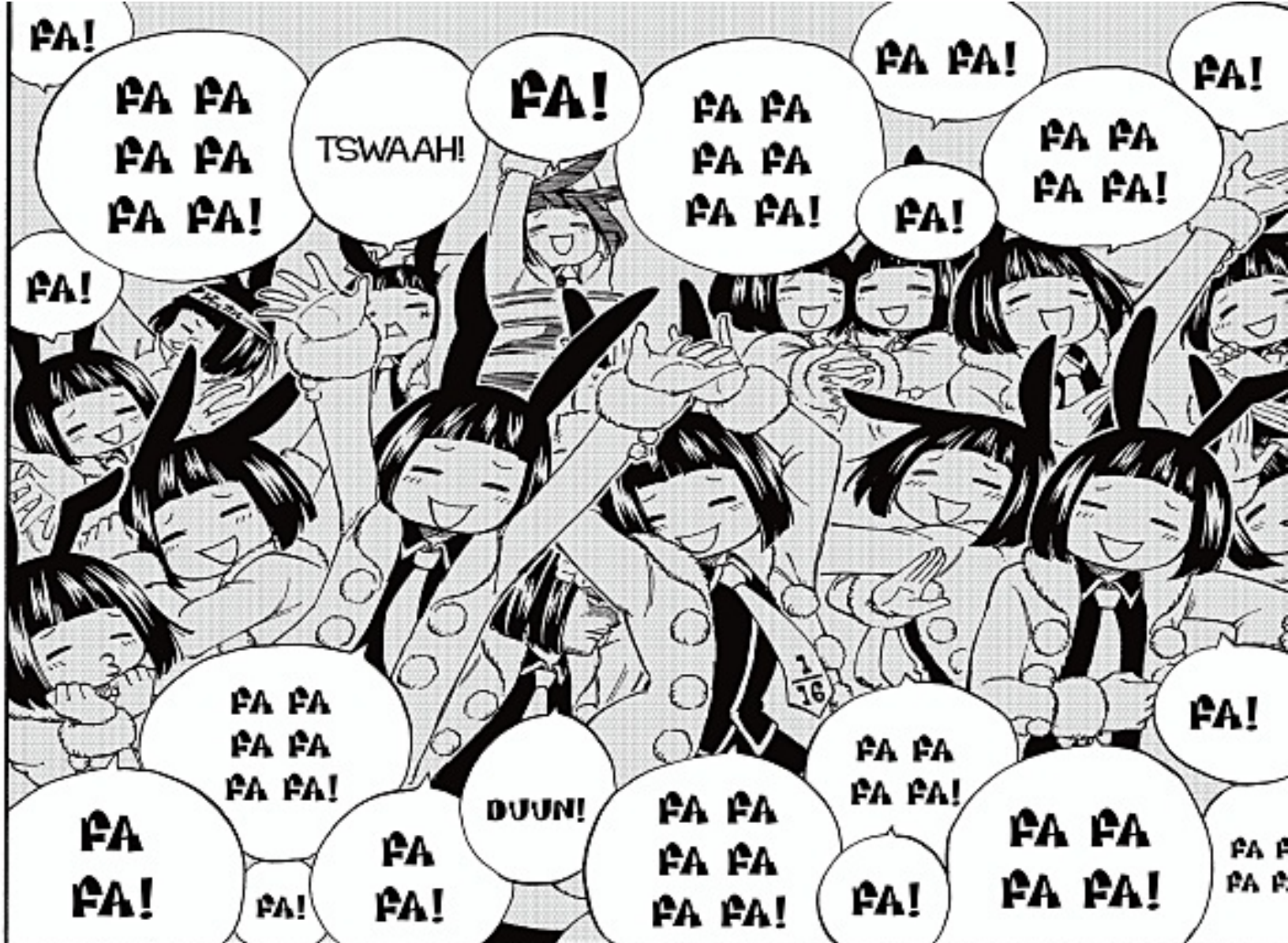


Fro
thinks
so also.

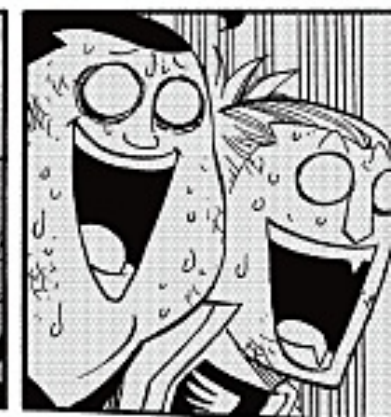
Erza
does not
disappoint.

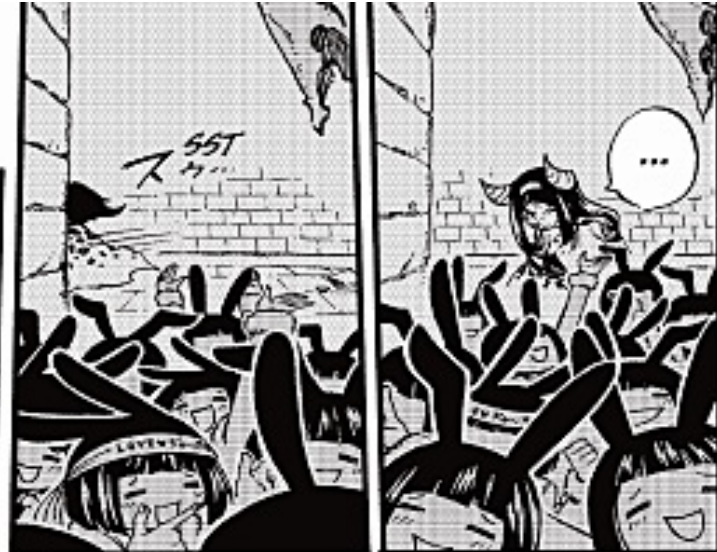
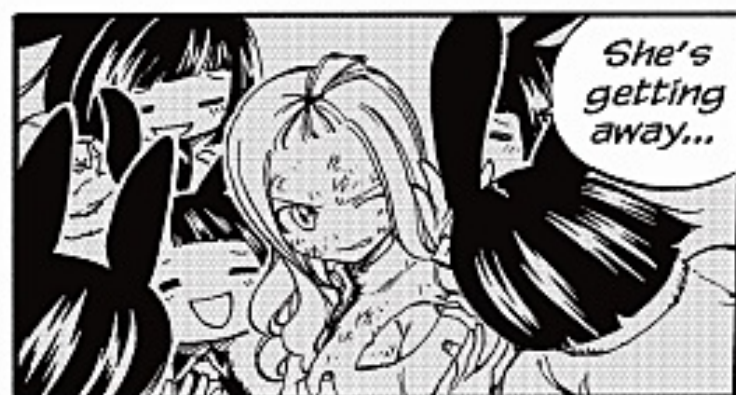






* Headband: "Jackal"

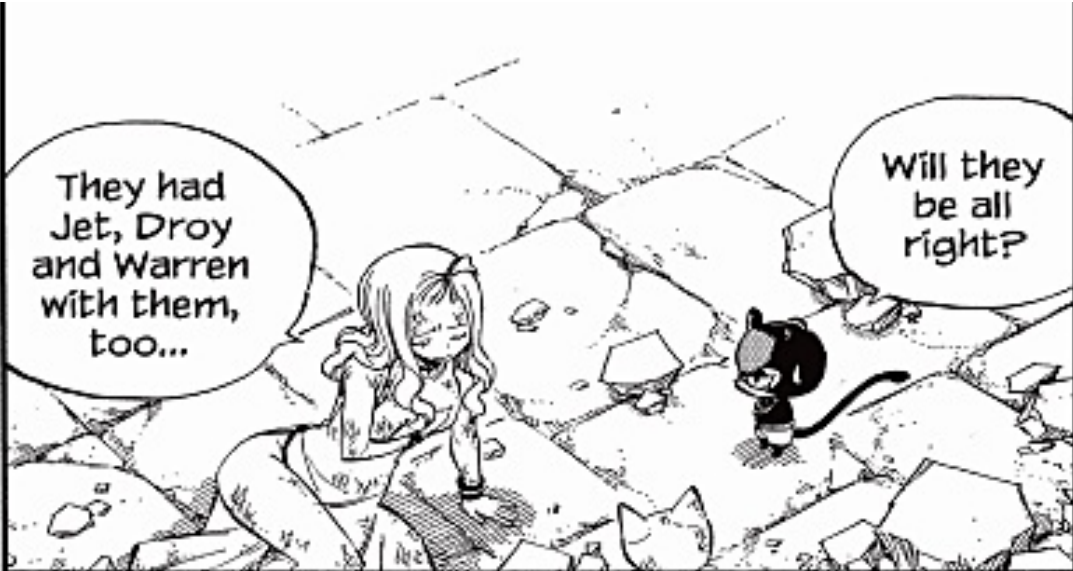




I think she might
be seriously
overestimating
that trio's
capabilities...



They had
Jet, Droy
and Warren
with them,
too...



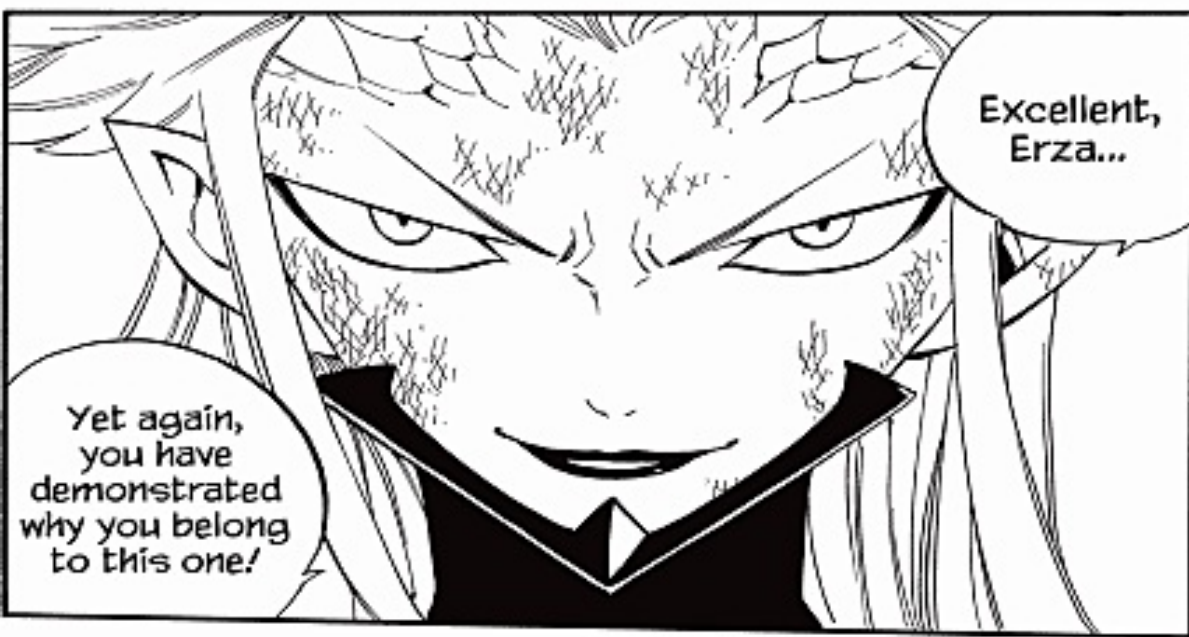
Will they
be all
right?

Excellent,
Erza...

Heh heh
heh...

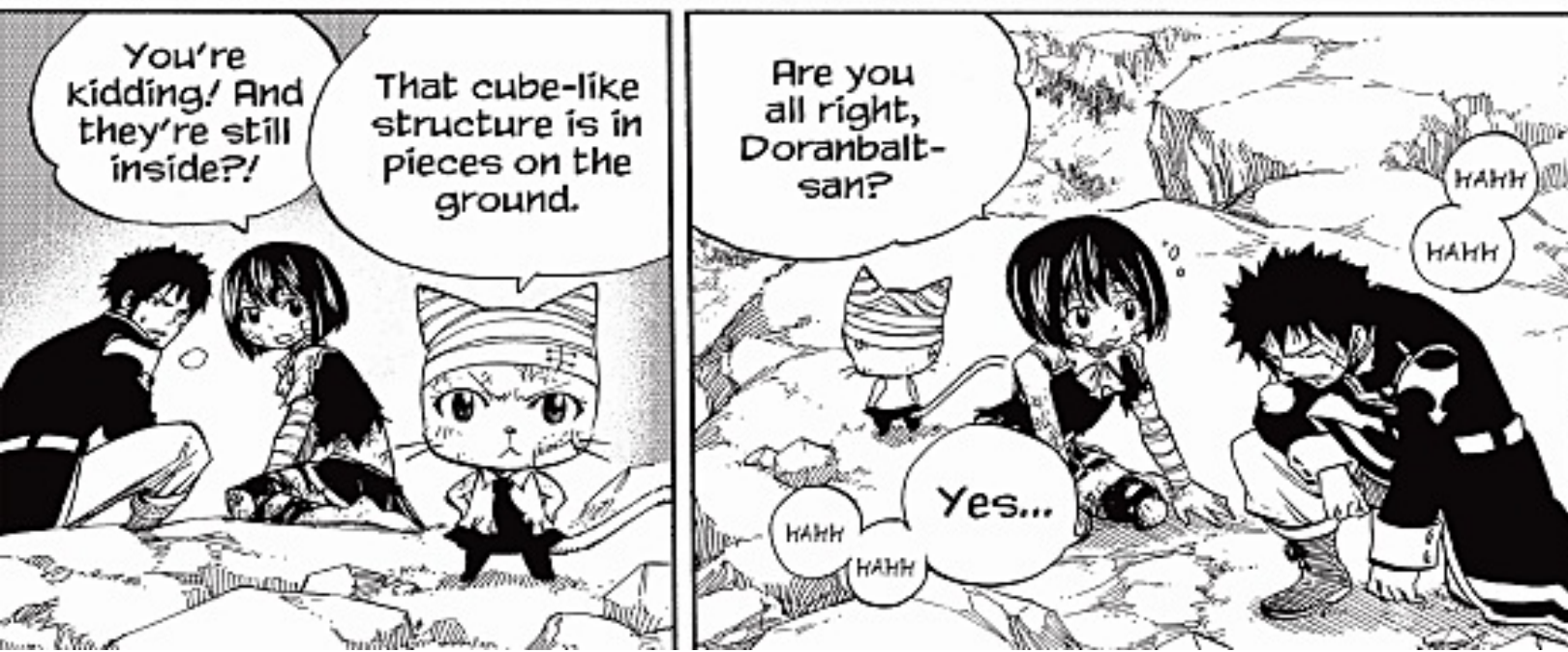
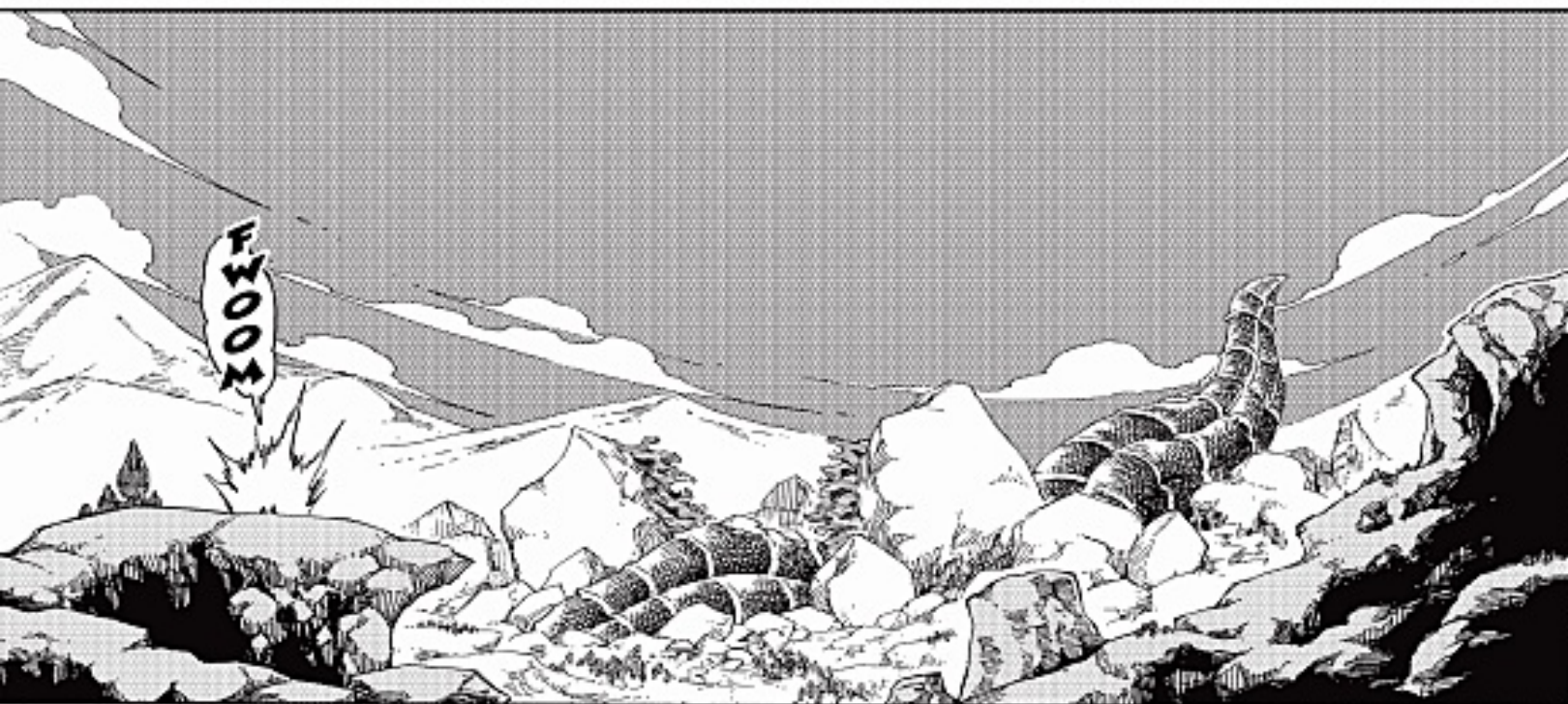


Yet again,
you have
demonstrated
why you belong
to this one!



What
now?







Warren-
san must
...



Wendy
?!!!



What
could that
sound
be...?



Wendy...

Wendy,
snap out of
it! What's
wrong?!



I'm just glad everybody's okay...

He left about as fast as he came, though.



Gray-sama was here?



What's wrong, Natsu?



That'll help Laxus and the others, right?

Okay!

Levy, take this to that old hag Porlyusica.



Huh?



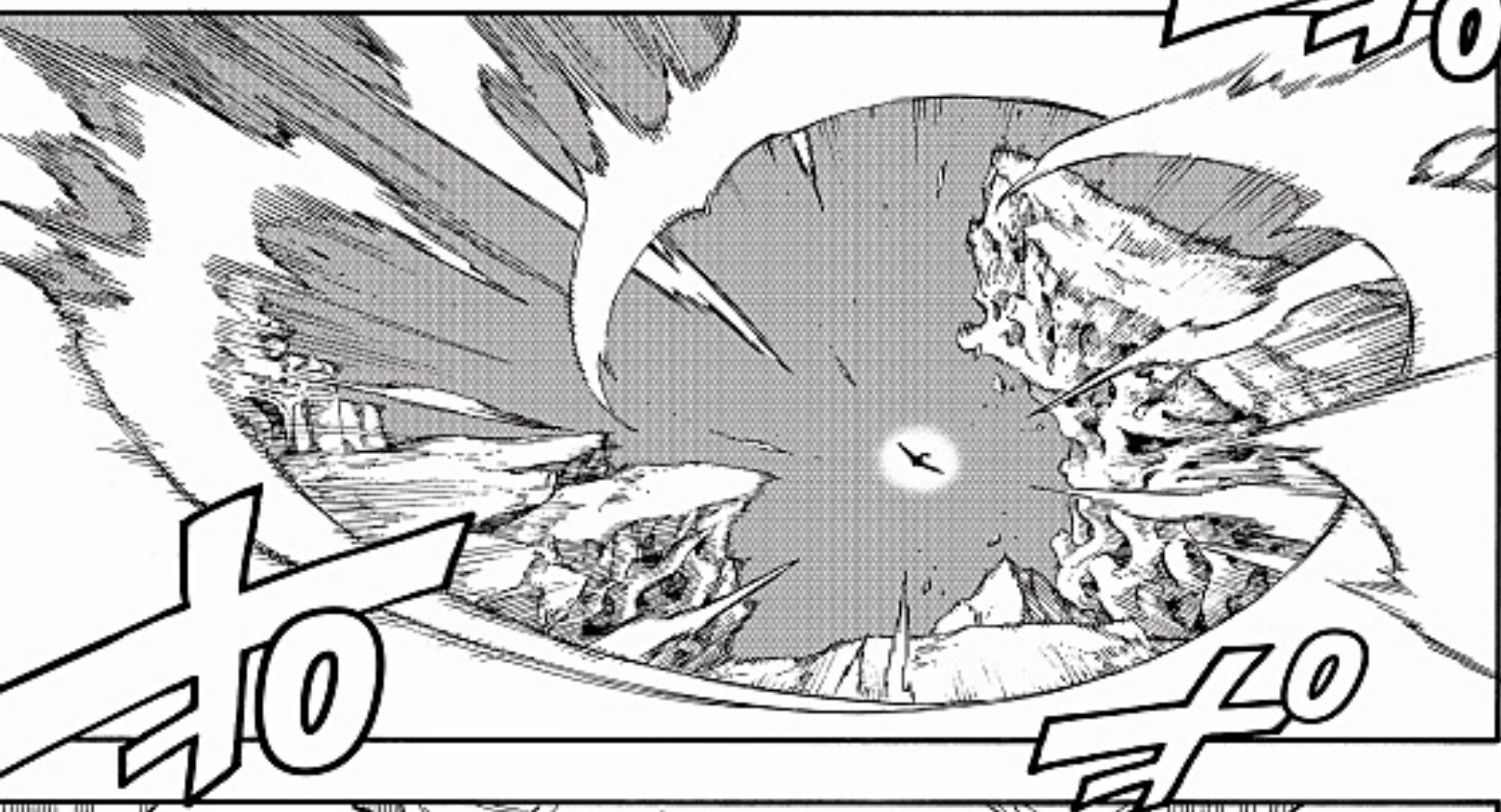
Gajeel... can't you hear it?



Aw, he's probably just POed that Ice-For-Brains got a quick power-up.



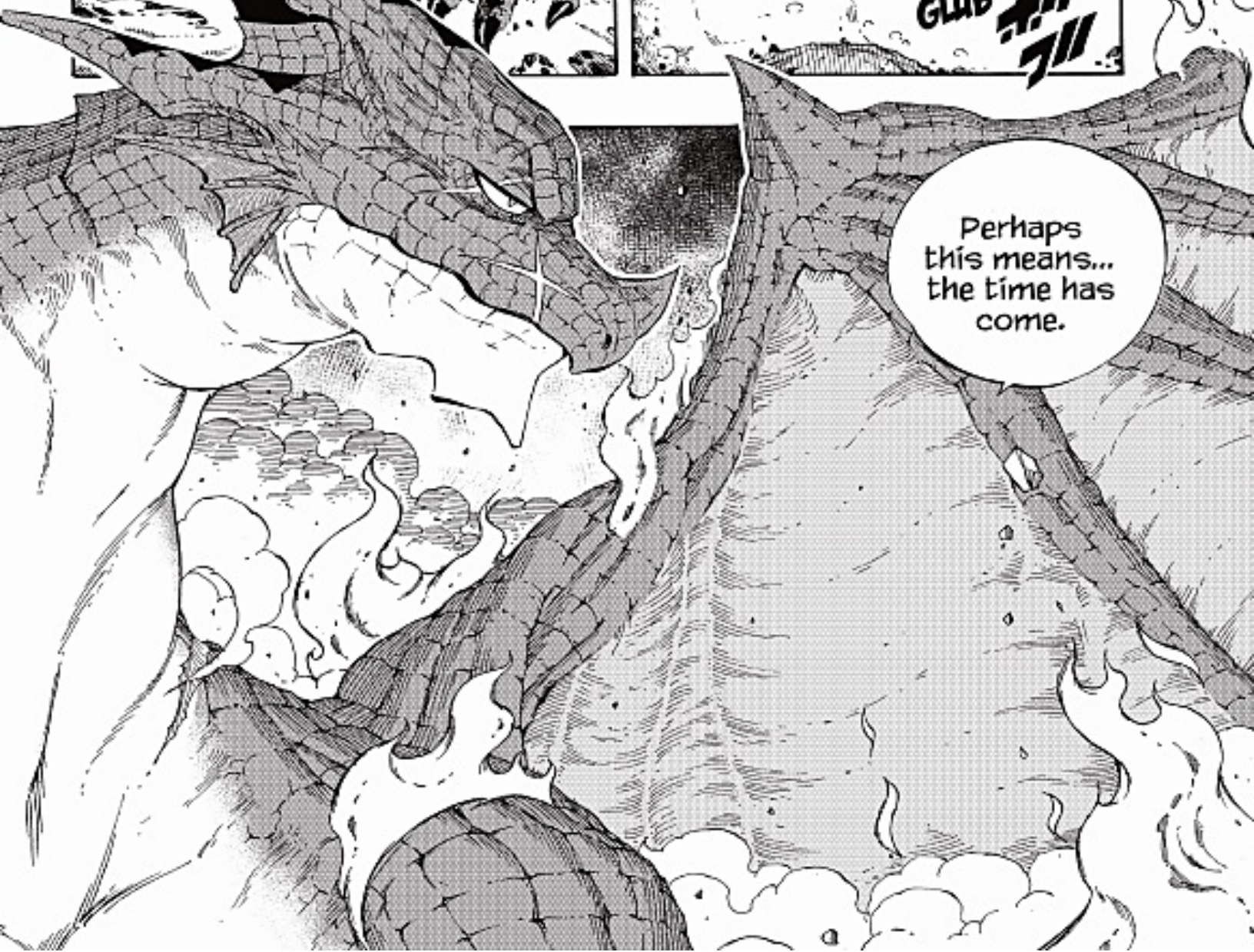








**IT'S
ACNO-
LOGIA
!!!!**



Perhaps
this means...
the time has
come.

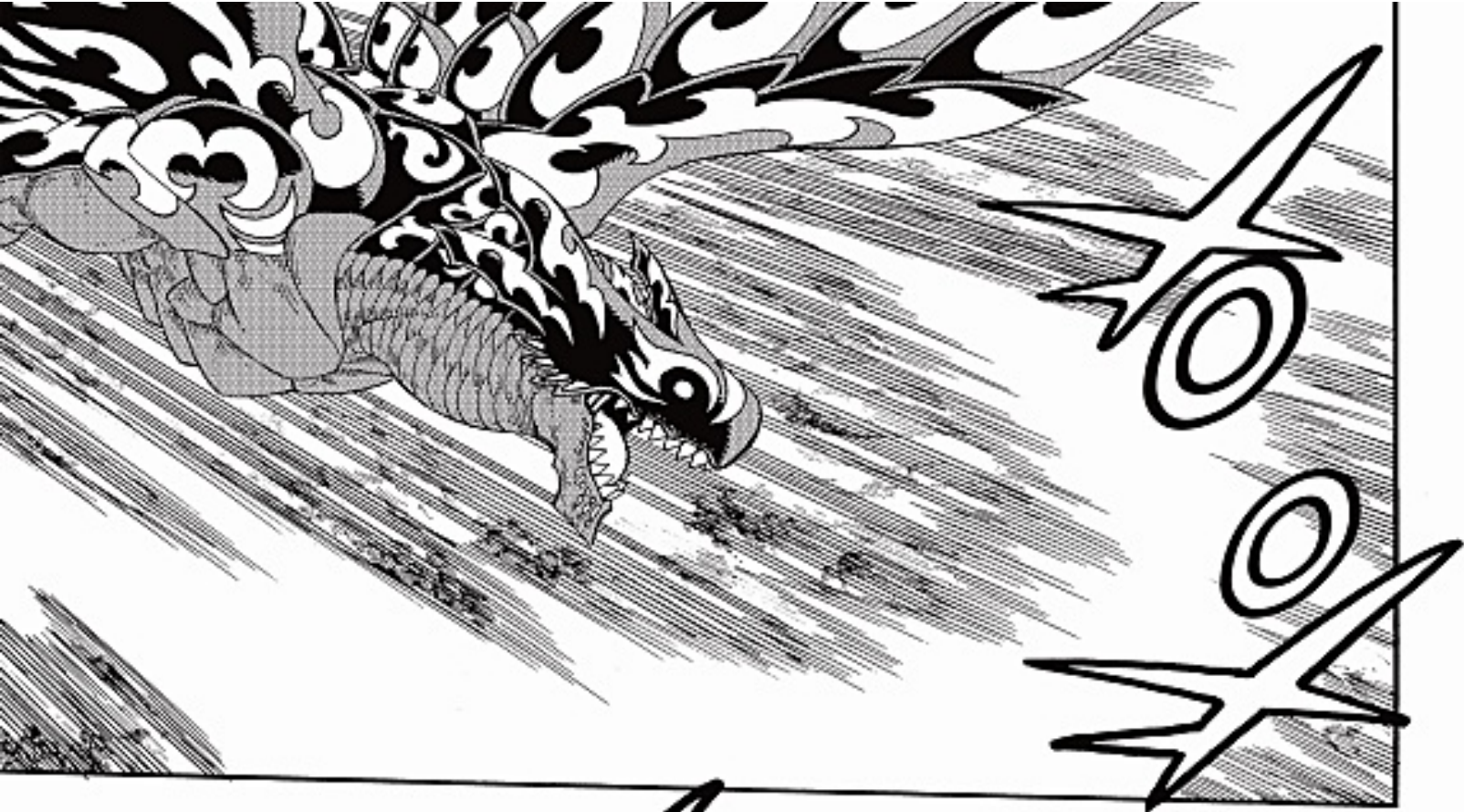
FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 400:
Wings of Hope





フェアリーテイル







First
Master!!
Save us!!

The one
who blew
Sirius
Island
away?!

Acnologia?!!
You can't
mean... *that*
Acnologia...?!!

What
?!

It's
Acnologia
!!

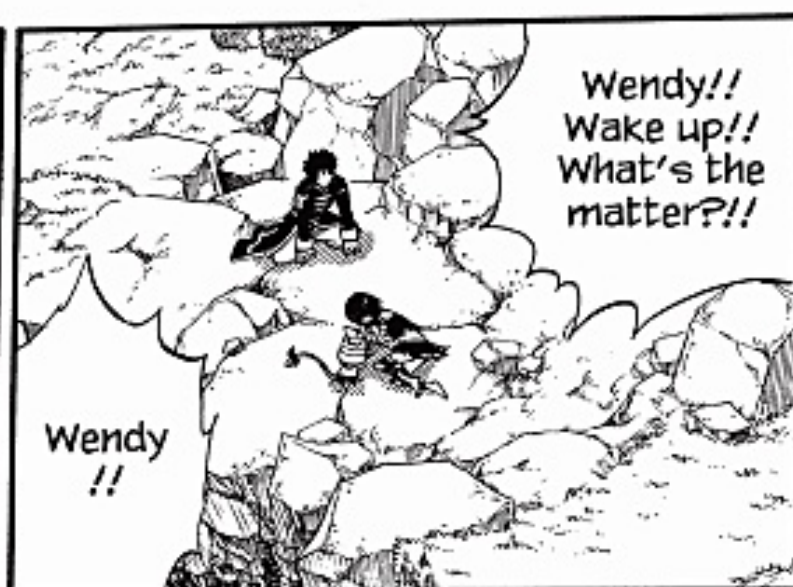
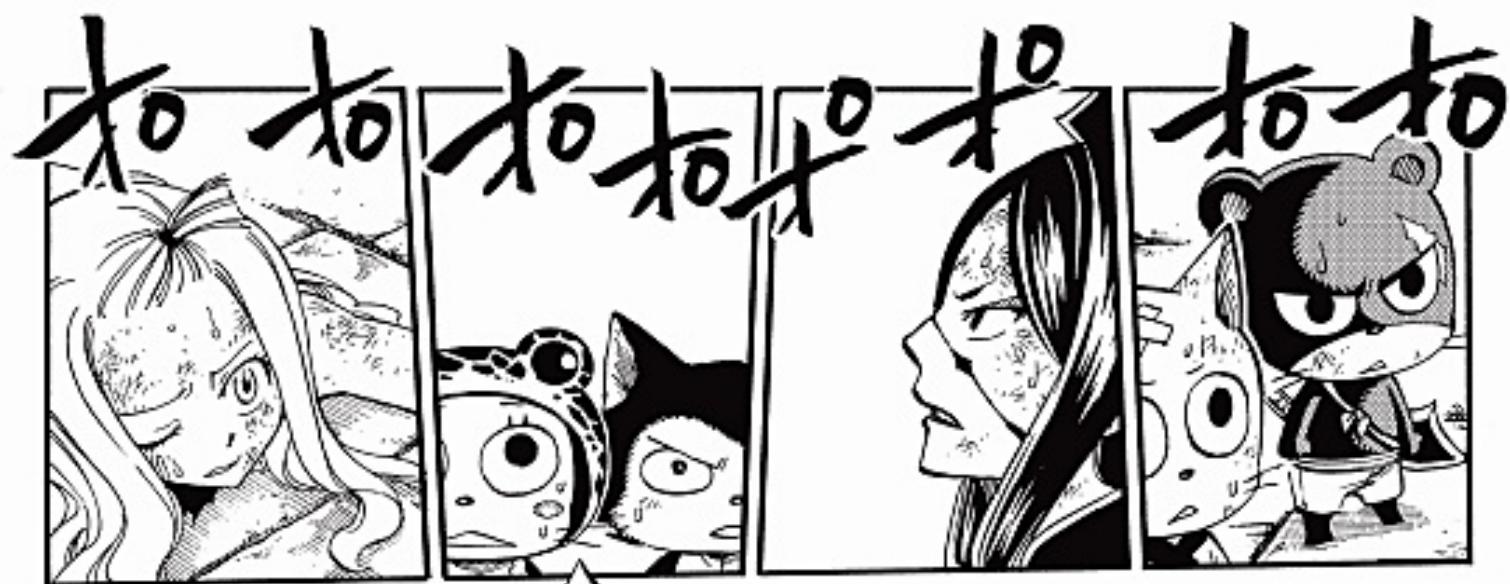


Do
we have
to fight
that futile
battle...
again...?

It's coming
this way...

What
did you
say?!!

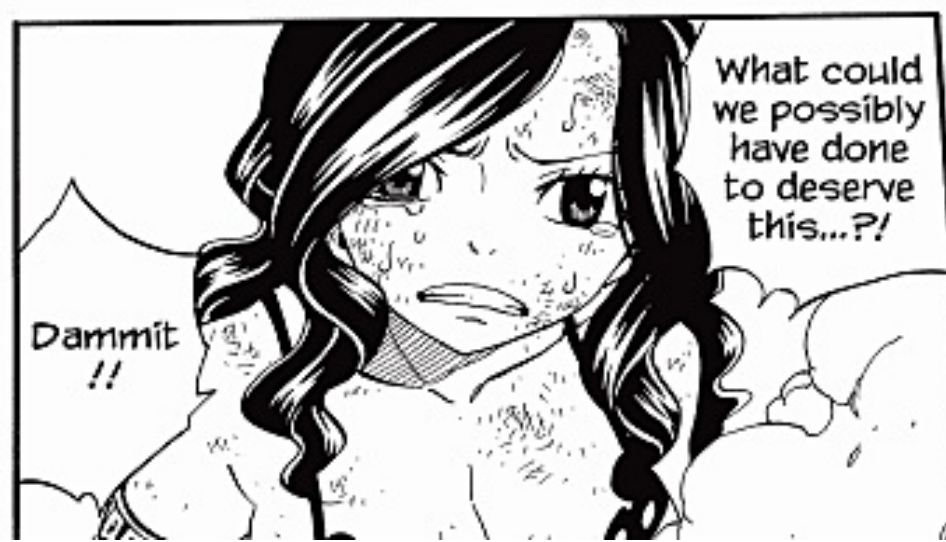
It's
Acnologia.

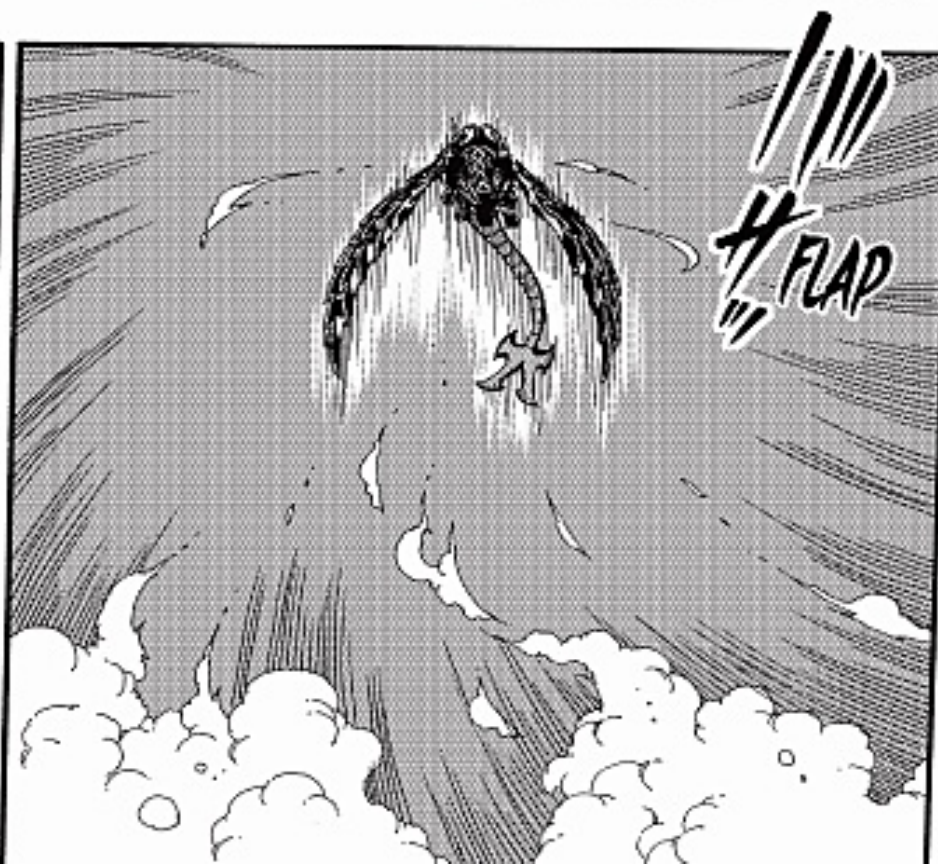
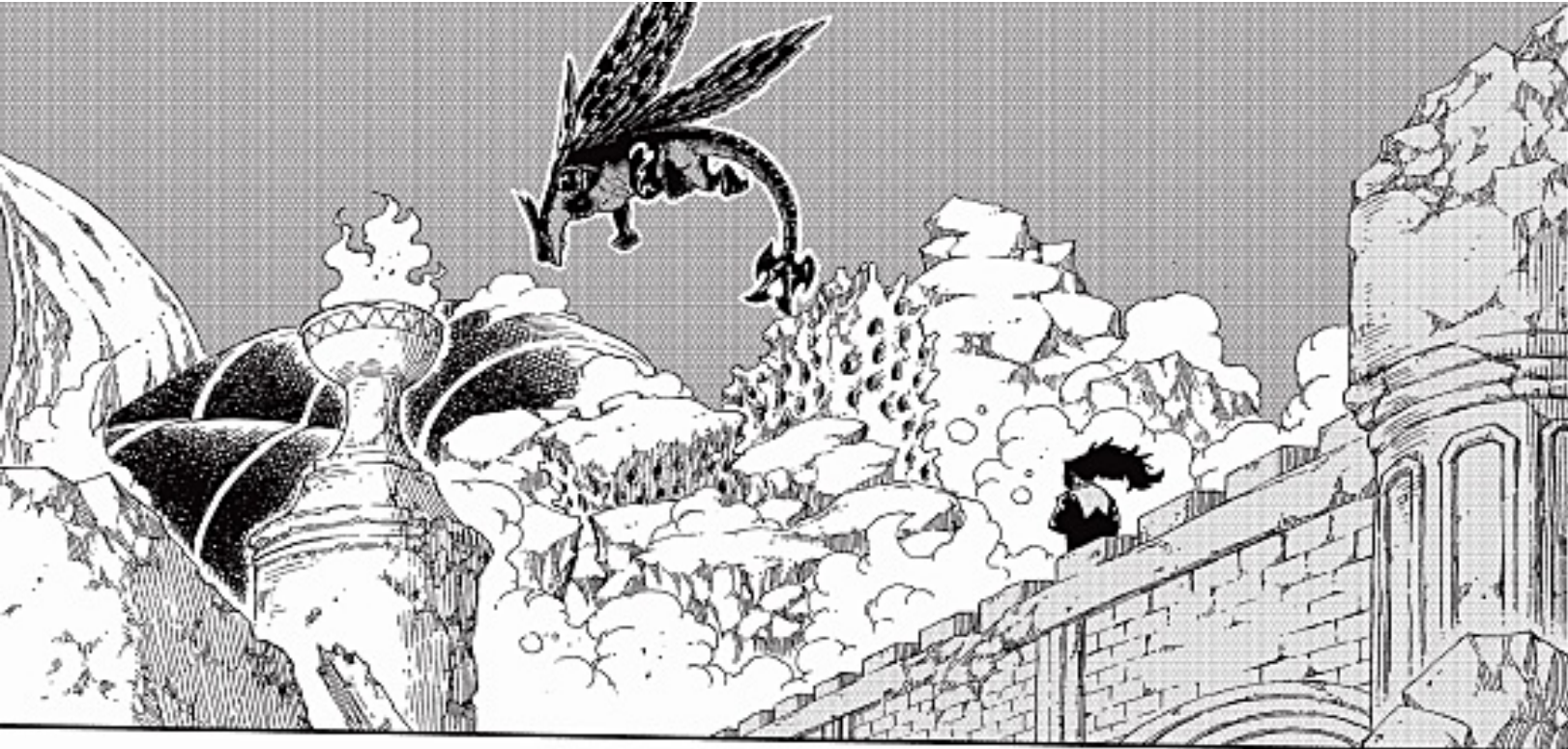


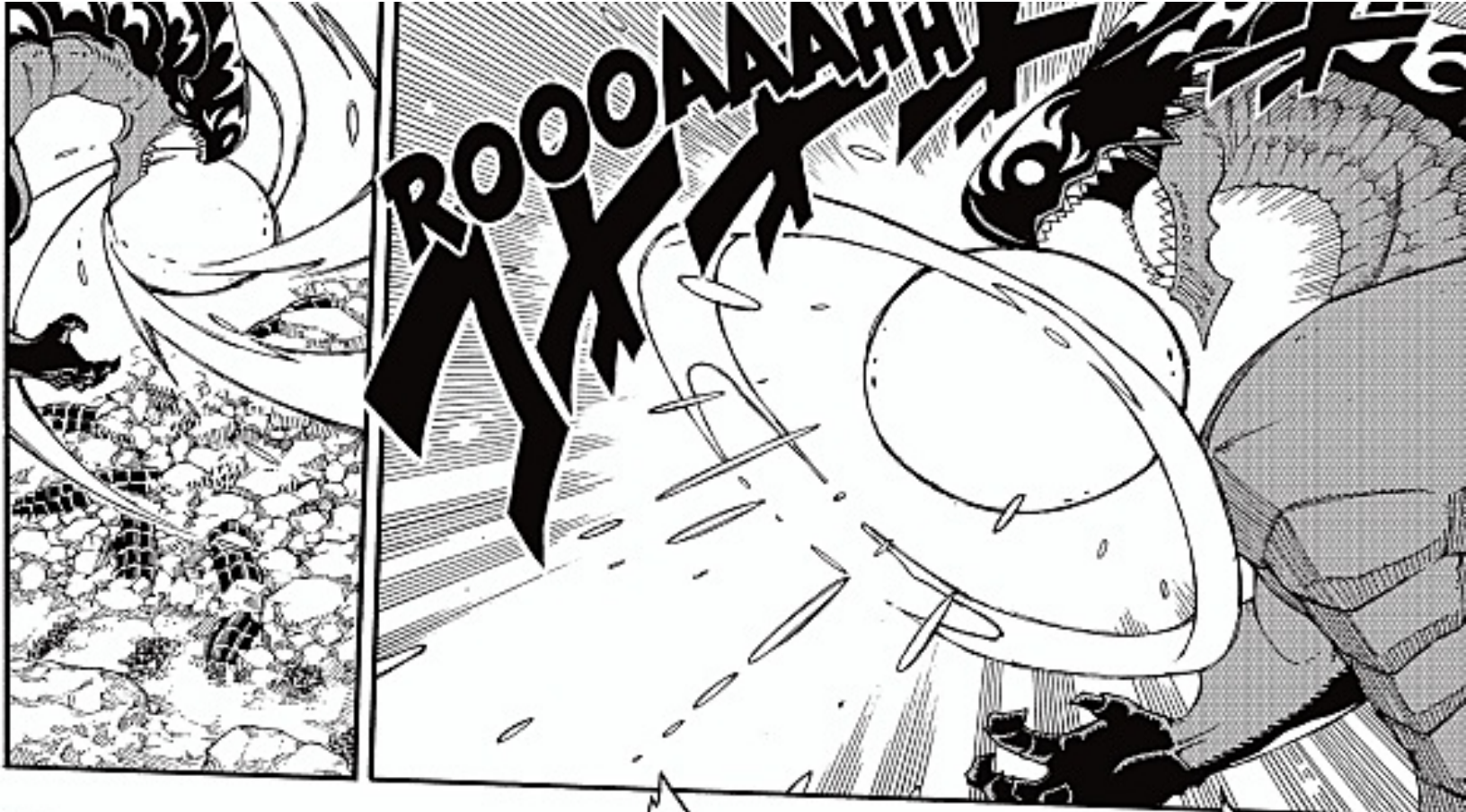


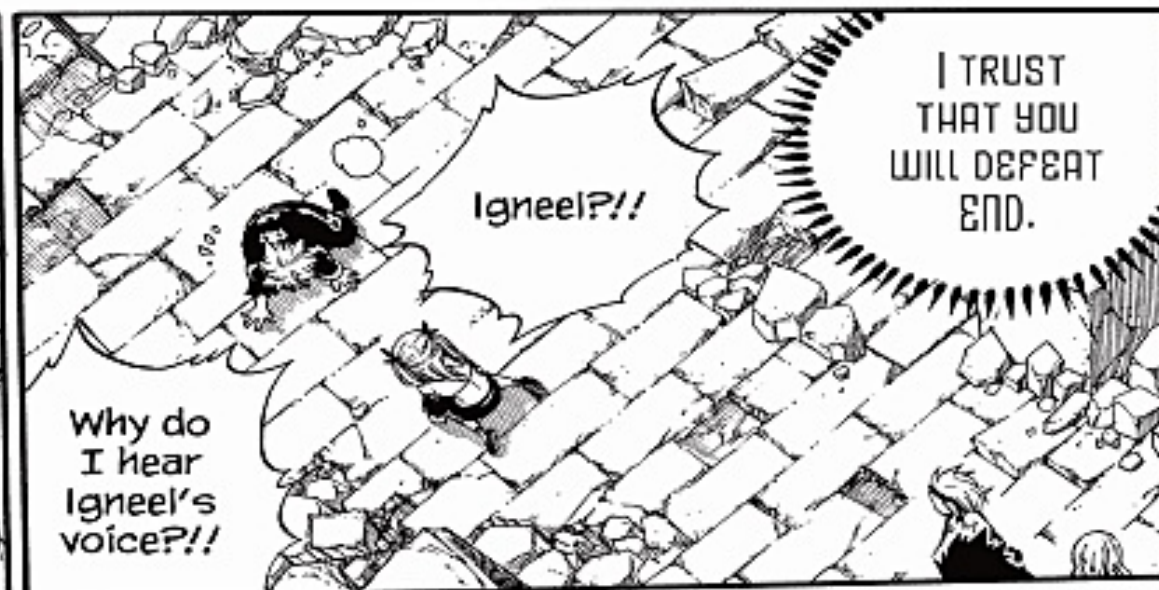


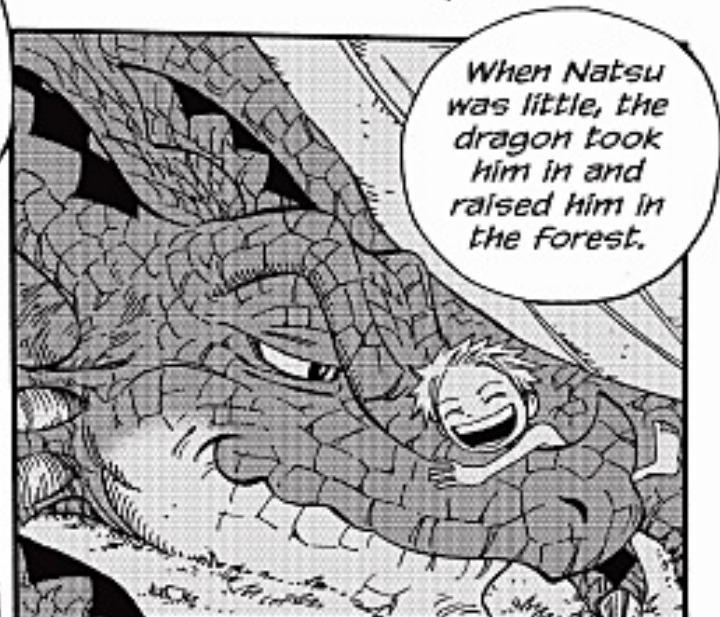
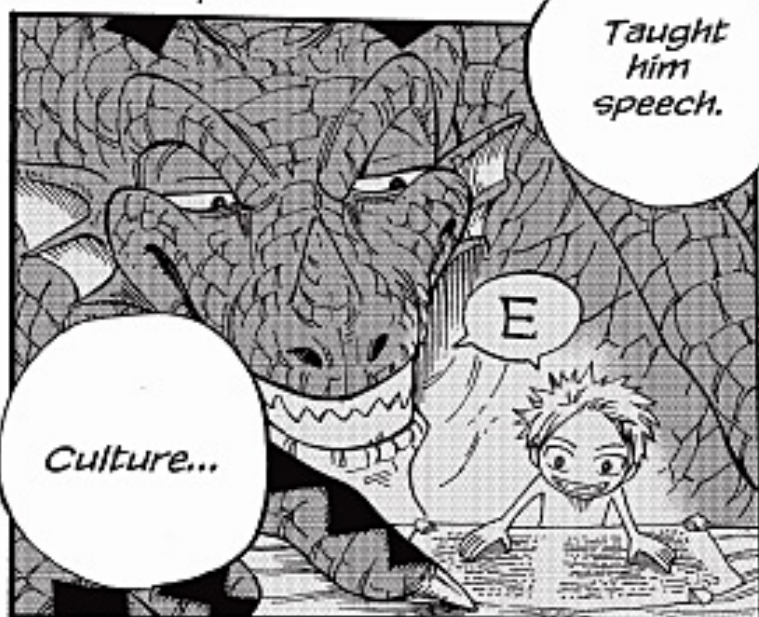


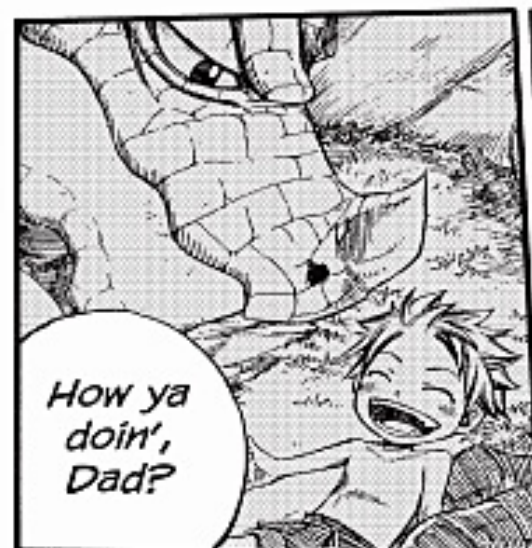
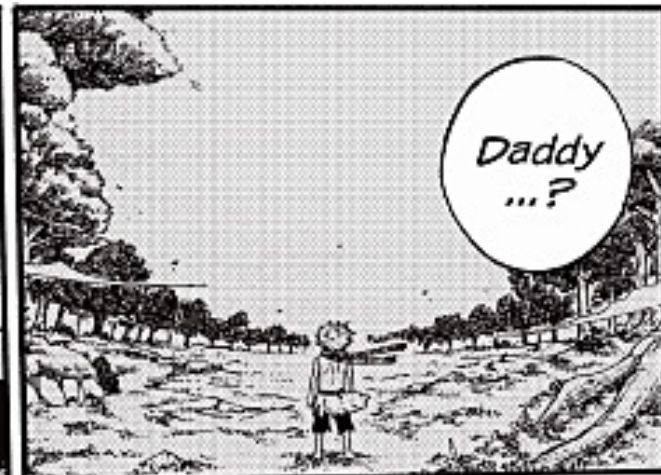






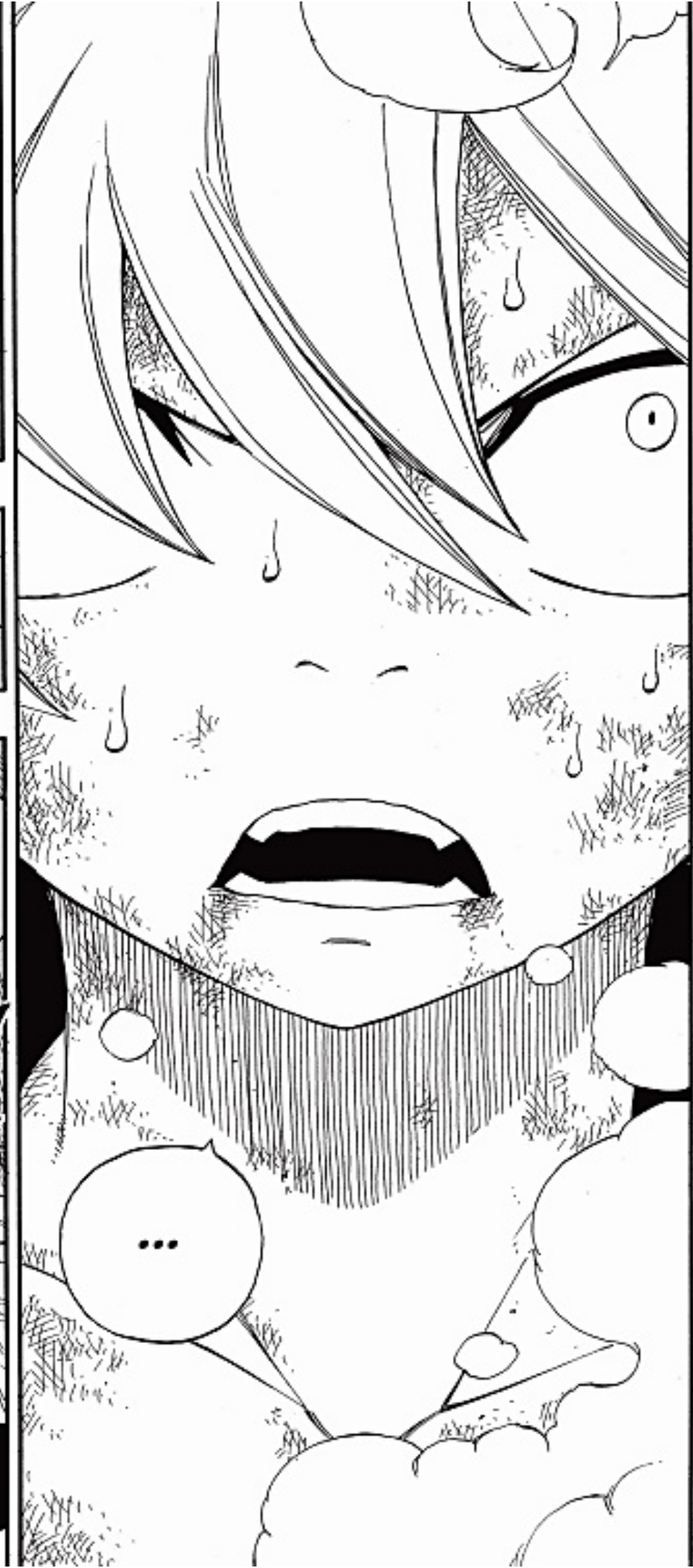








I've been
within you
this entire
time.





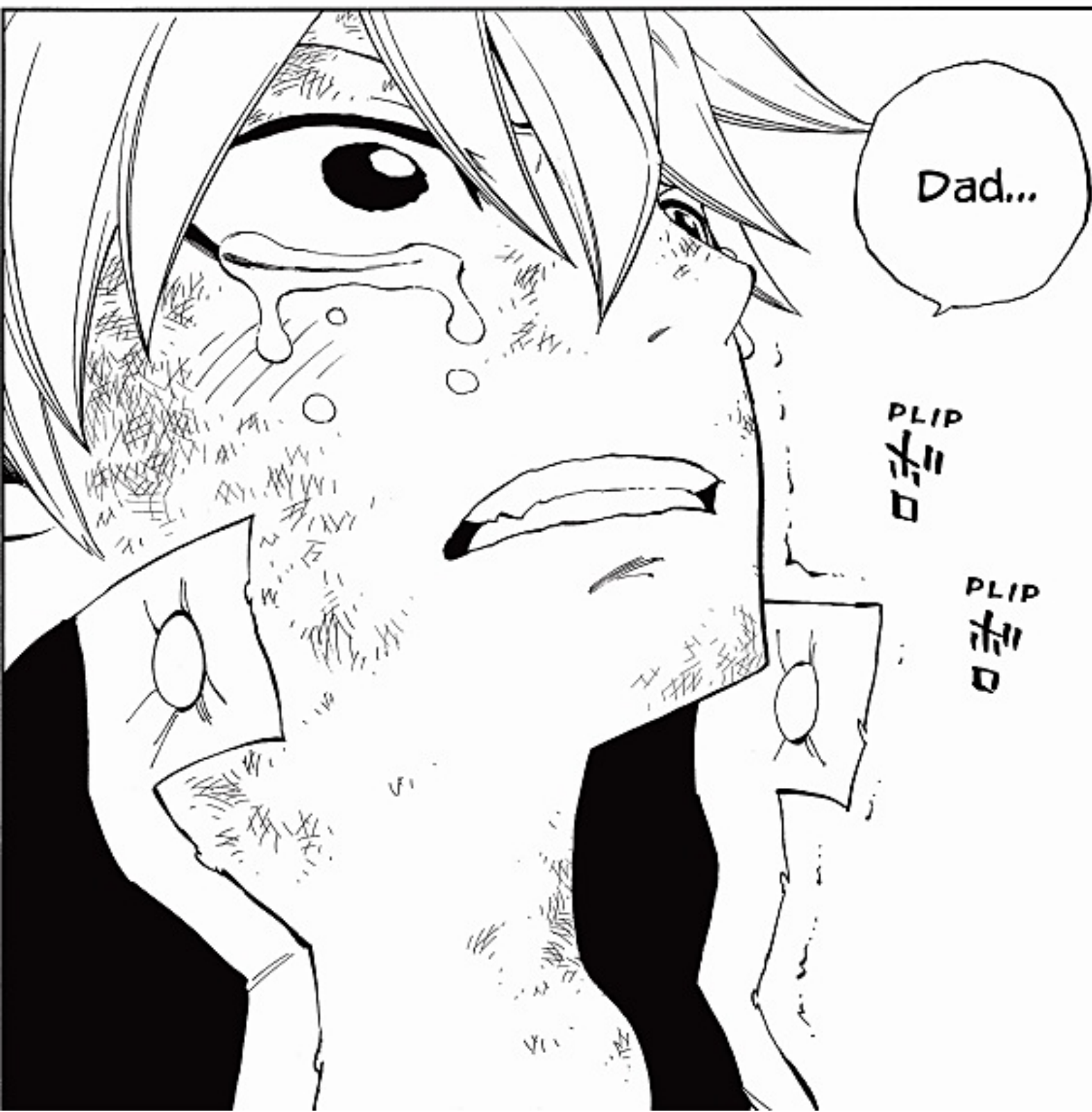
**Natsu
!!!!**



***Just
stay
alive
!!!***

DO

GOON



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フェアリーテイル

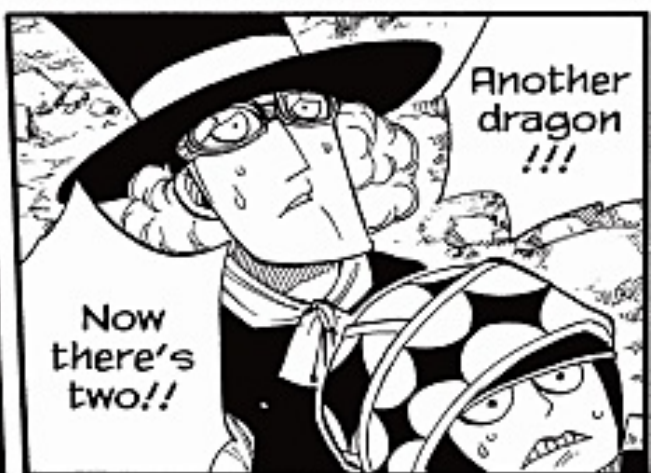
Chapter 401: Igneel vs. Acnologia

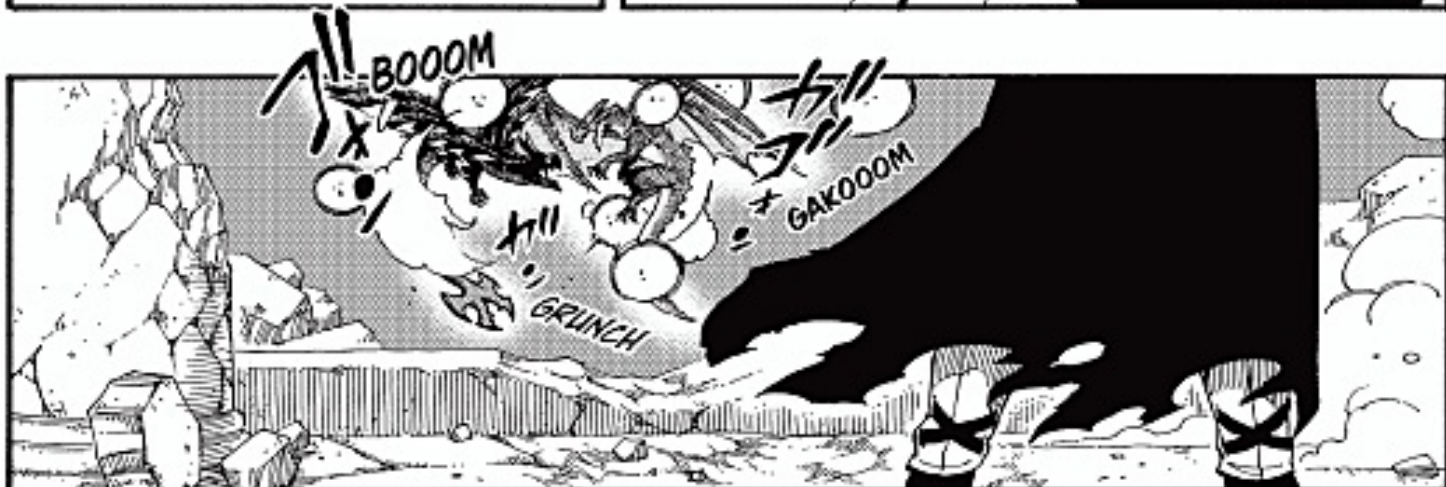










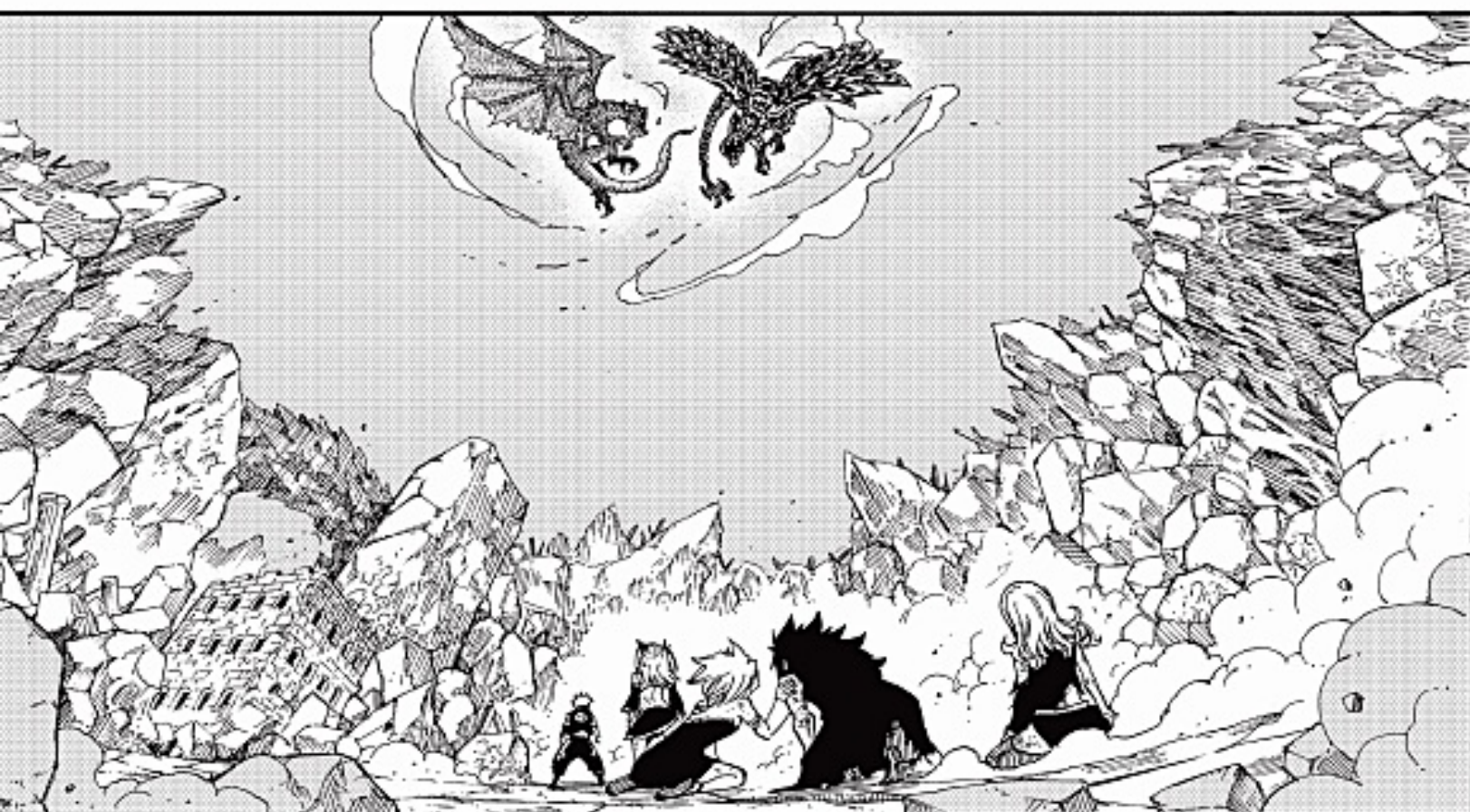


I, Mard Geer, will not allow you to interfere with my plans!

King of the Fire Dragons, Igneel...

And it is *you*, forgotten breed, that will be destroyed this day!!

In fact, you have inspired me to improve upon them!



How was he *inside* you?!

Hey, Salamander!! Is that really Igneel up there?!

What is going on here?

Are you all right, Gajeel?

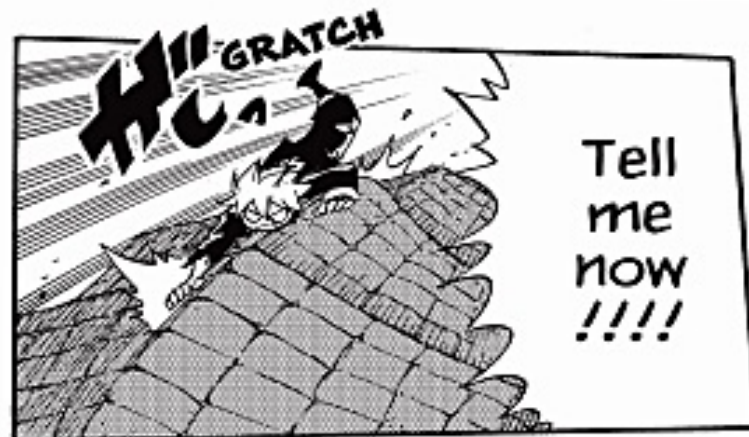


**I ain't
gonna
take this
lying
down
!!!!**



**Igneel
!!!!**

GWOOOGGH



HII GRATCH

Tell
me
now
!!!!

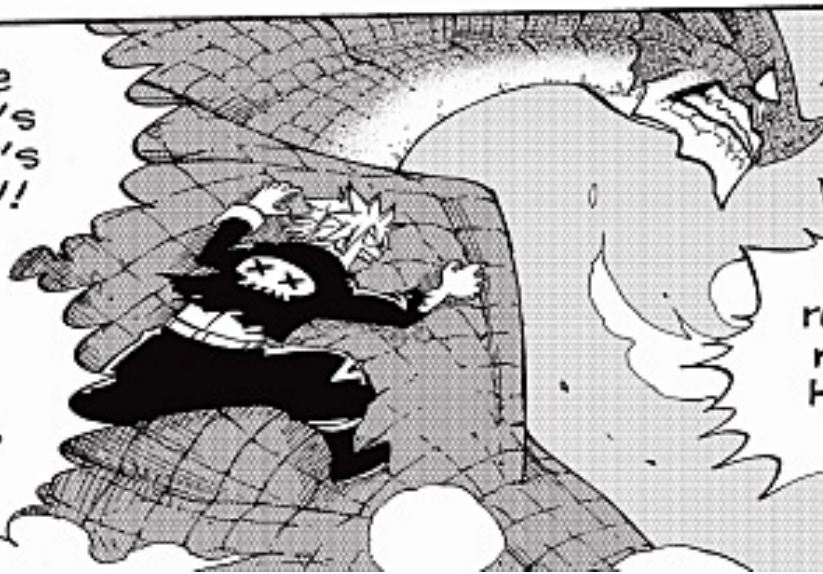


I told
you
we'd
talk
after!!

Foolish
boy!!

And where
are Gajeel's
and Wendy's
dragons?!!

What
happened
on July 7th,
TTT?!!

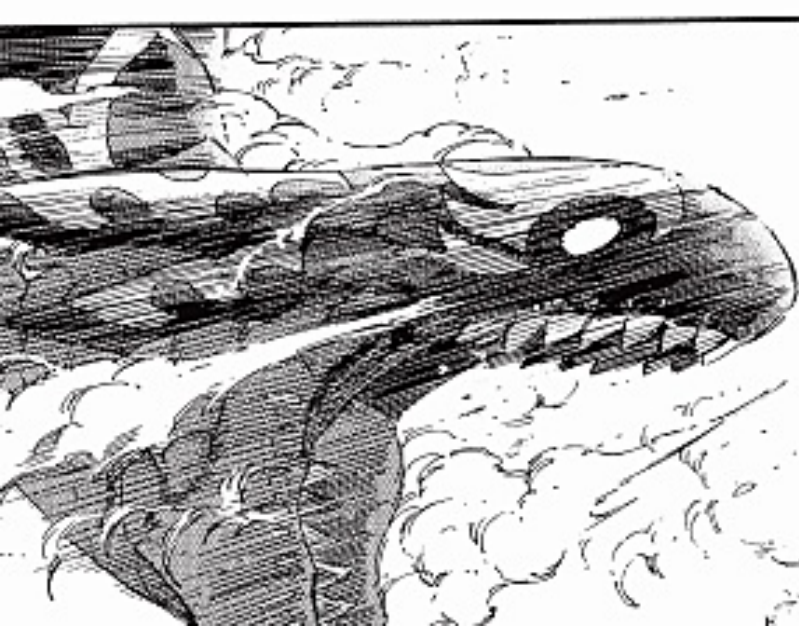


Ngh!

Why'd you
just up and
disappear
all of a
sudden?!!

Were you
really inside
my body?!
How'd *that*
work?!!









No...

It didn't
even
scratch
him.

Th-
That was
awesome.

xo xo xo to

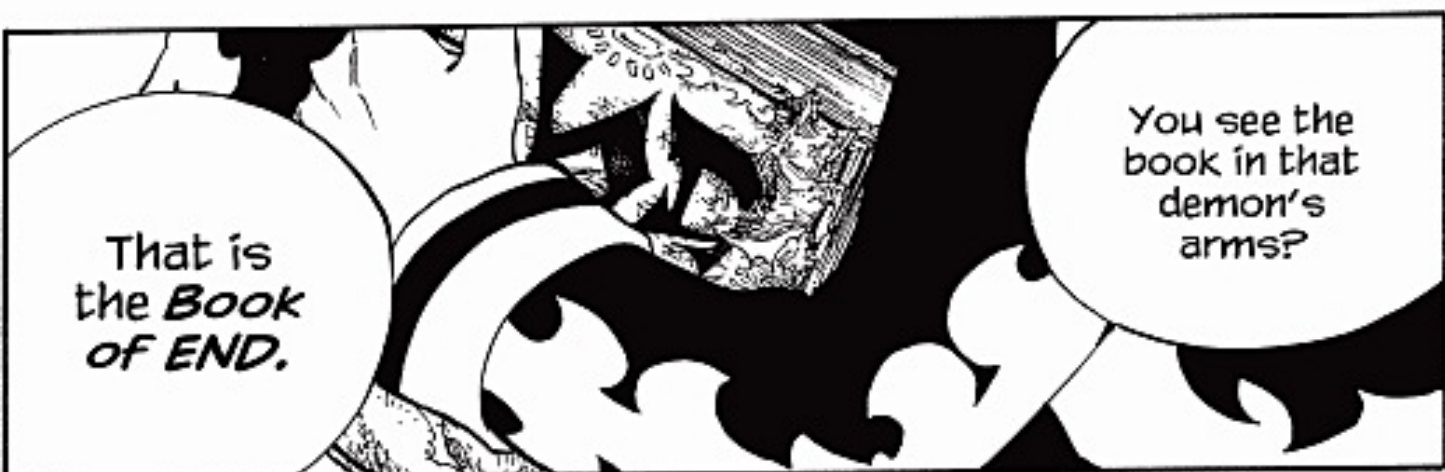
to to to to

PIO
KRUMBLE

PIO
KRUMBLE

FWAR



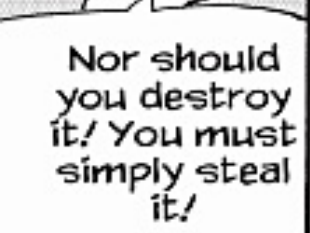




Listen closely! You must not open the book!



He's the one...



Nor should you destroy it! You must simply steal it!



You must be eager to fight him!

Besides, that demon is the one who orchestrated everything.



I will tell you everything you want to know.

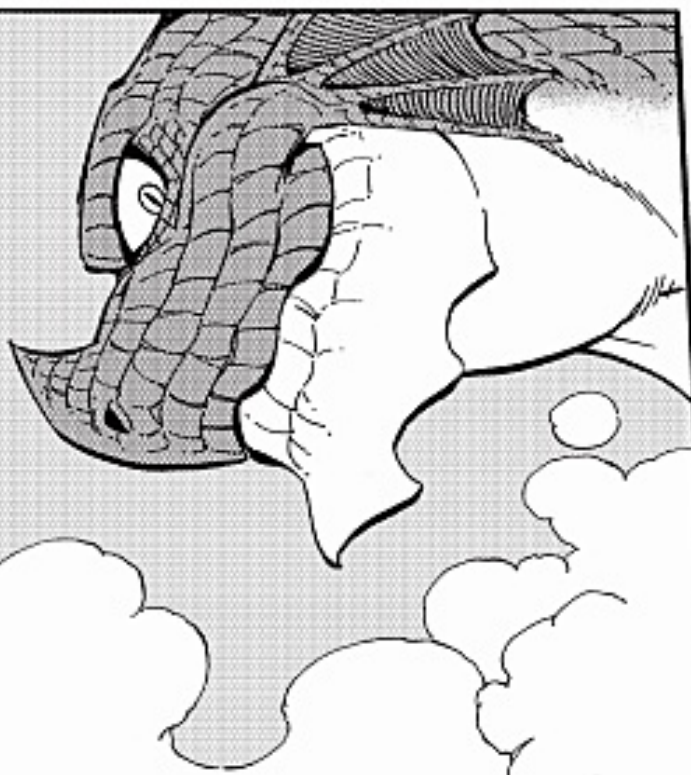
...



If it's a job request, you gotta give me something for doin' it!

What?!!

What's the pay?





But you'd
better
keep your
promise
!!!!

You
stay
right
there
!!!!



Yes.



Remember,
you gave
your word
!!!!



You
got
it!!!!

**Go,
Natsu
!!!!**

VWOOOM





Let's

do

**this
!!**

I'm

all

fired

...

...
んんん

...

**...up
!!!!**

Fairy Tail

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Chapter 402: The Fire Dragon's Iron Fist

Bridge Marker: Mashima Gardens



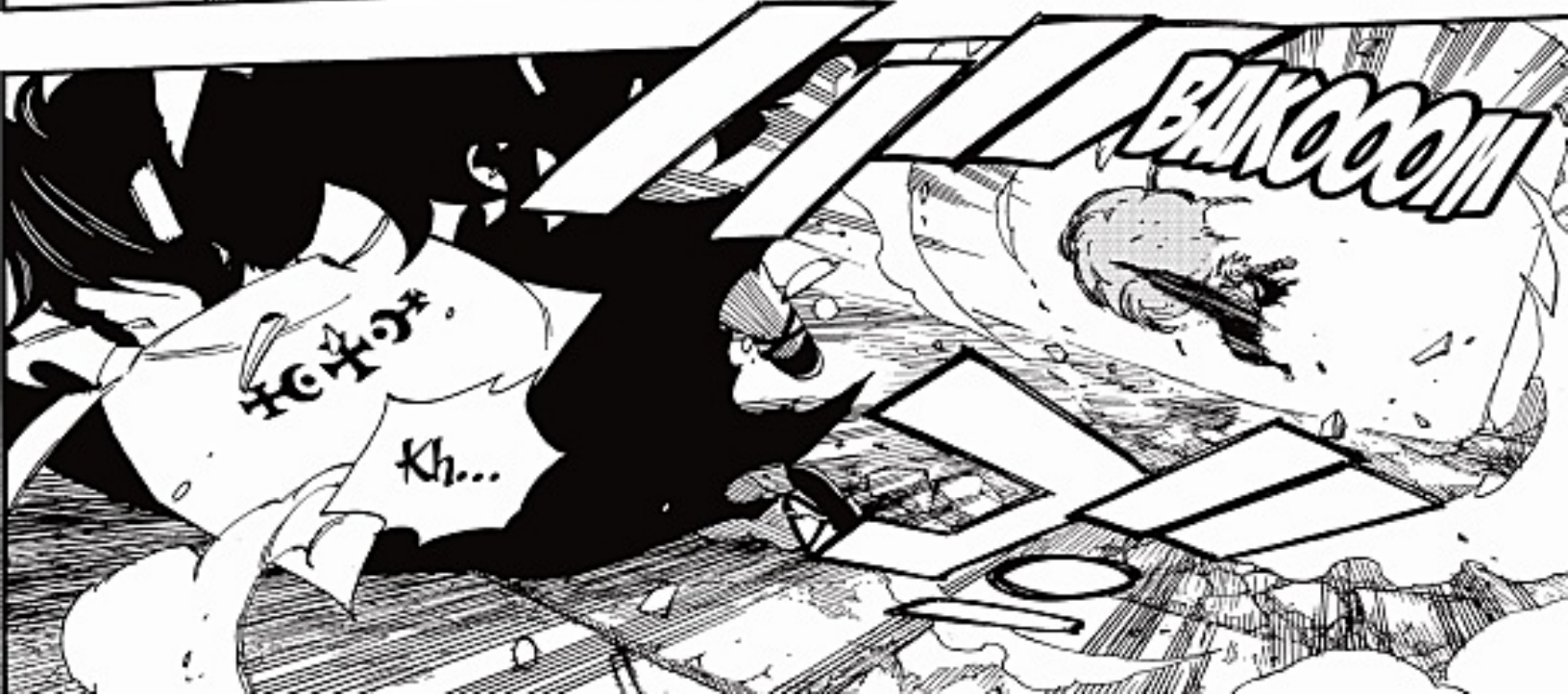


I
am...

Who?

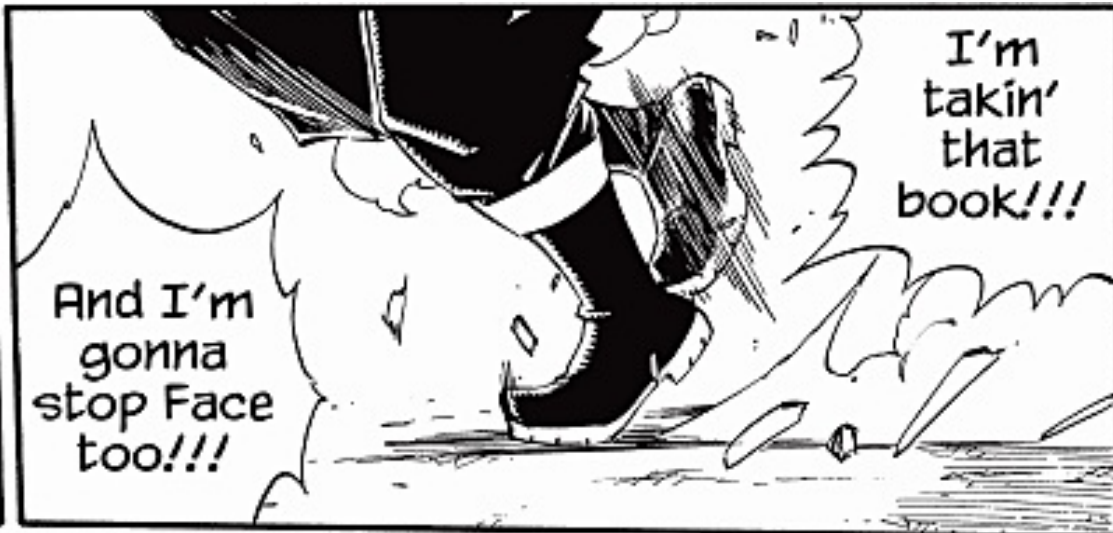
BOOOOM

**...the
son of
Igneel
!!!!**





Ho?



And I'm
gonna
stop Face
too!!!

I'm
takin'
that
book!!!



So
you're
goin'
down
!!!!



VOOSH
VOOSH
VOOSH

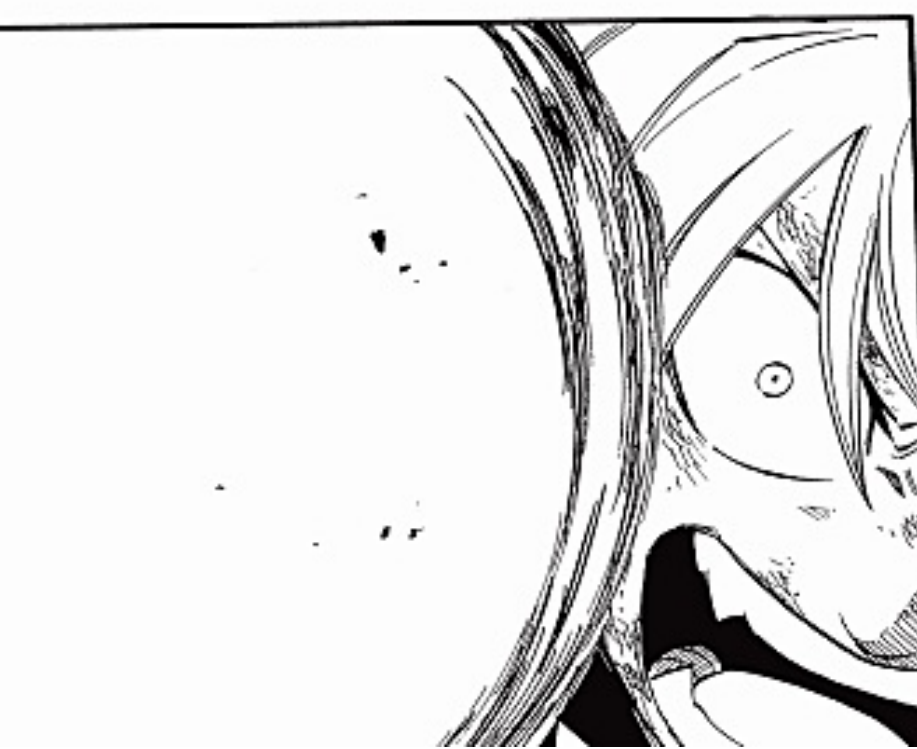


WHOOOSH





*Fire Dragon's

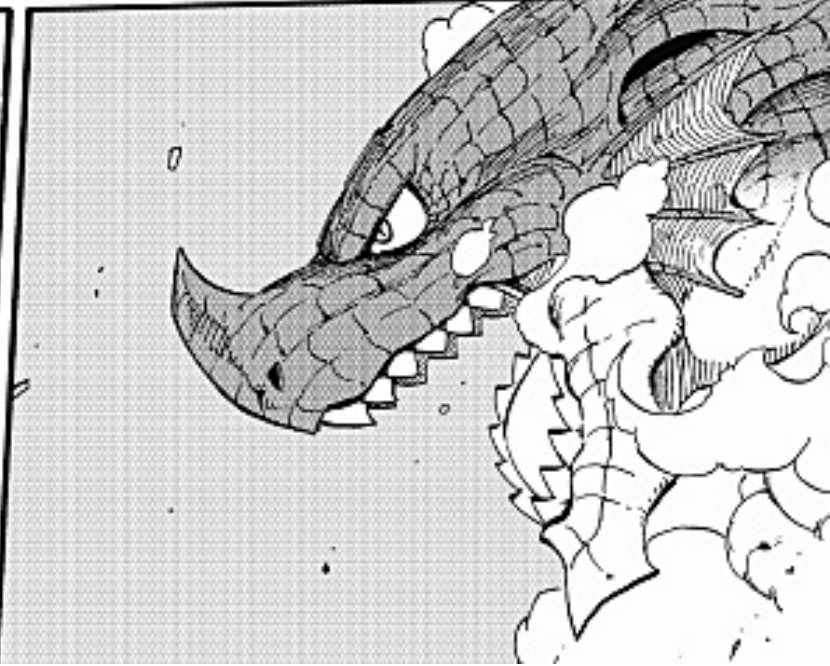
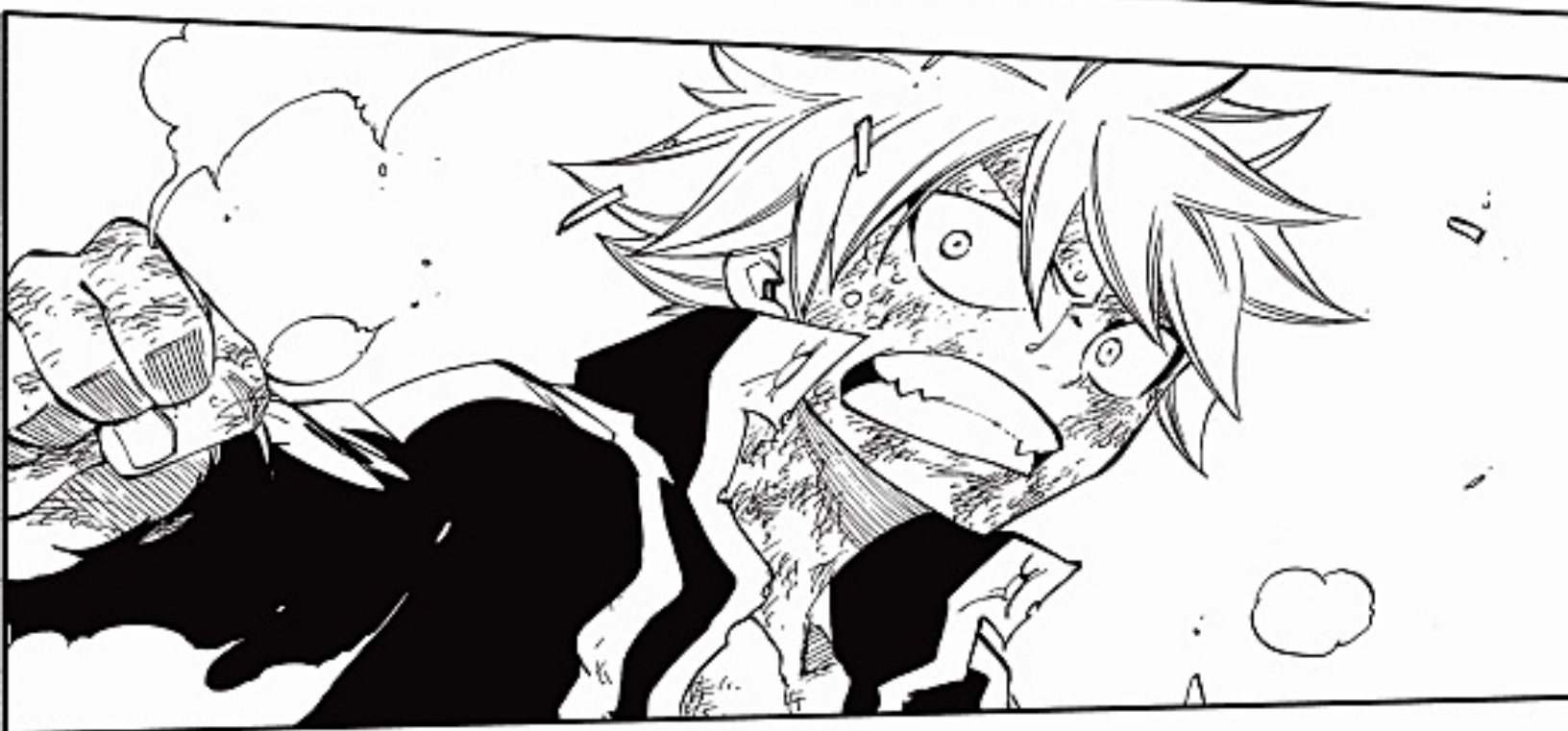
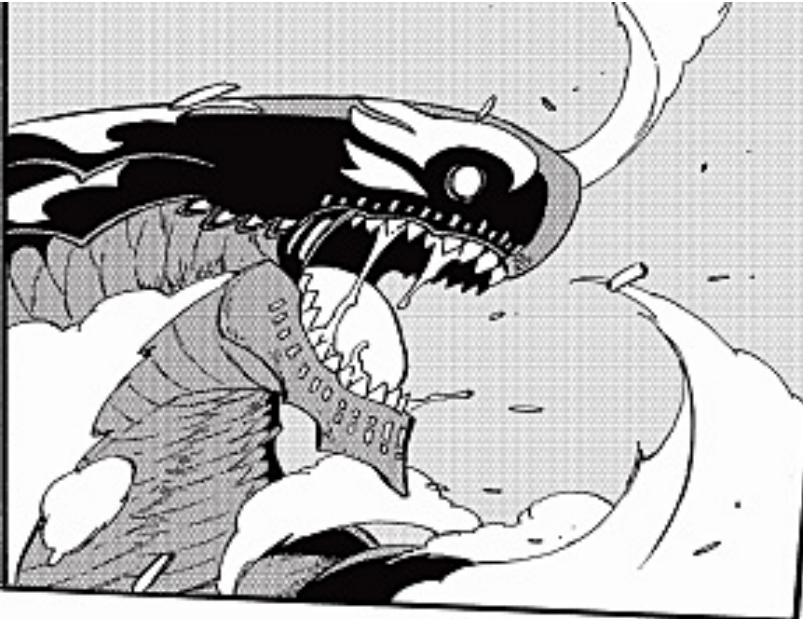


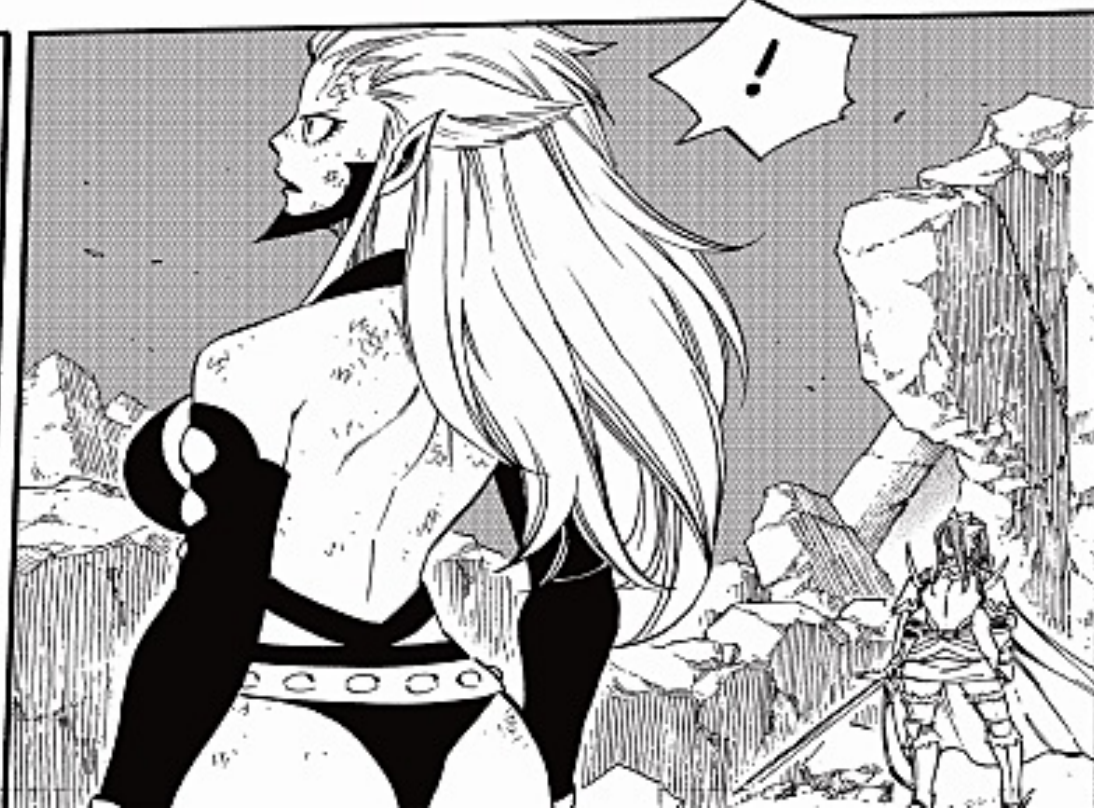
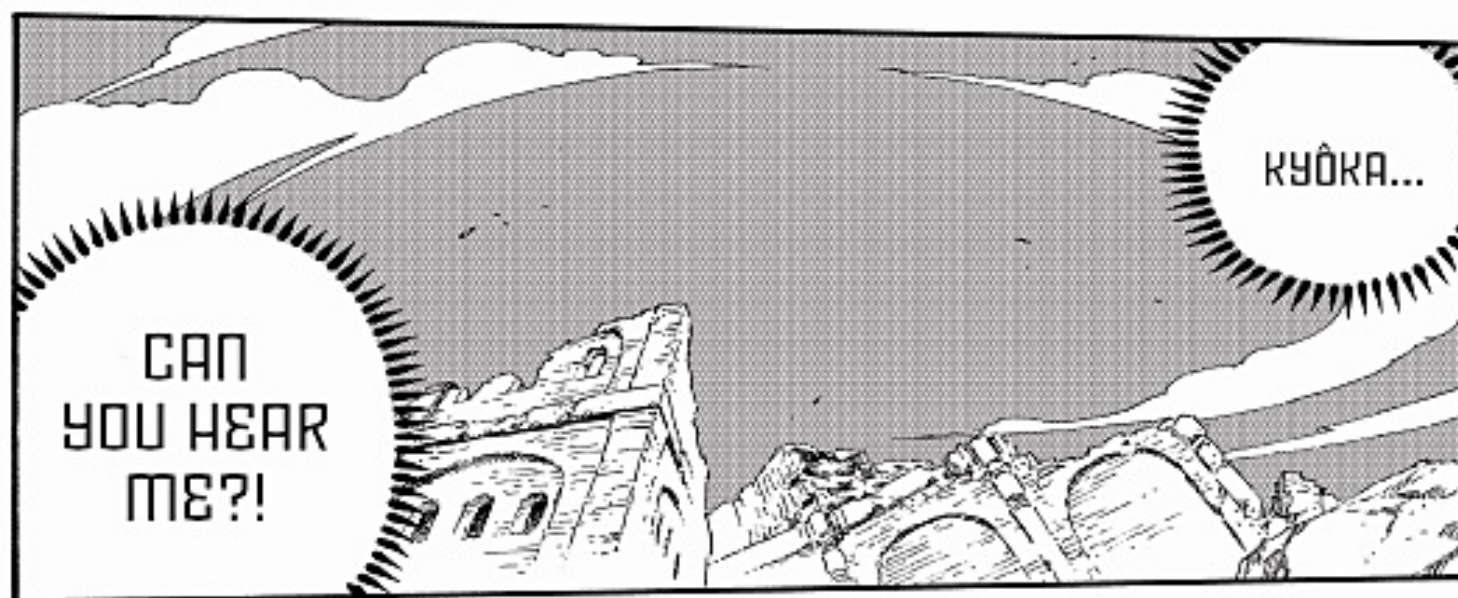
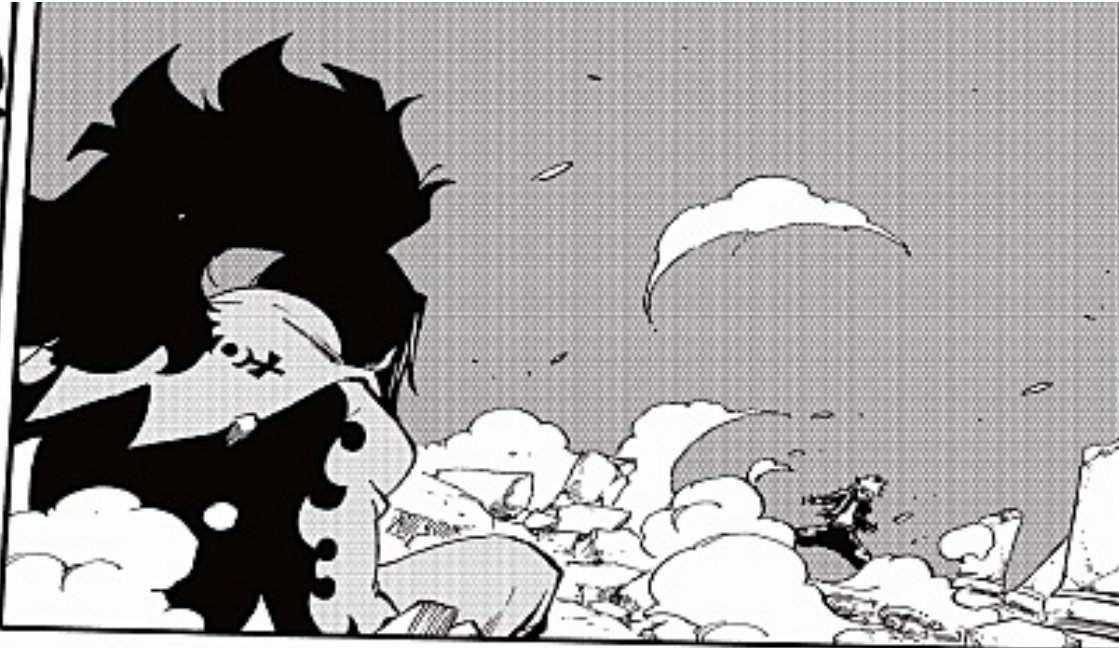




...
TEKKEN*
!!!!!!

WHOO







I HAVE DECIDED
TO DETONATE
THE FACE BOMBS
EARLY.

I WANT THESE
PESKY DRAGONS
OUT OF THE
WAY.



BOTH KEYES AND SEILAH
HAVE BEEN DEFEATED.
WE CAN NO LONGER
MANIPULATE THE
CHAIRMAN.



YES...

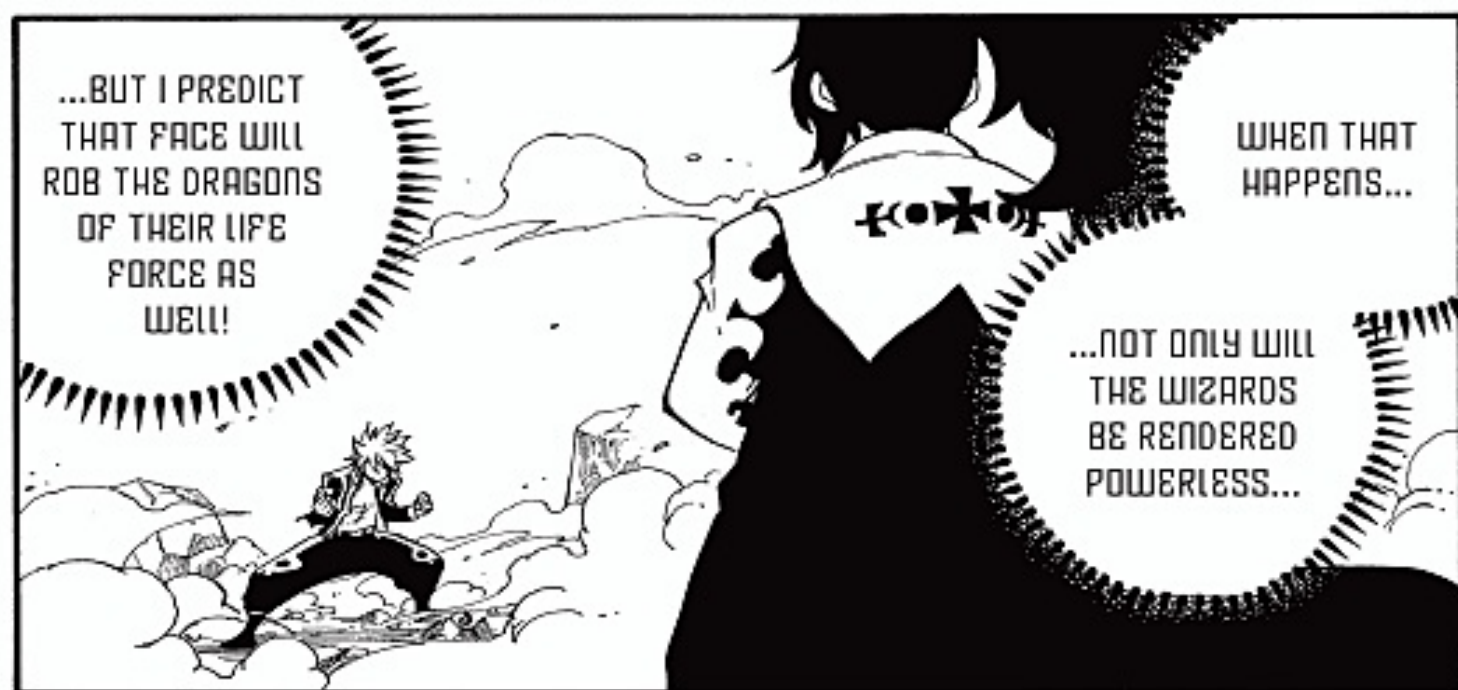
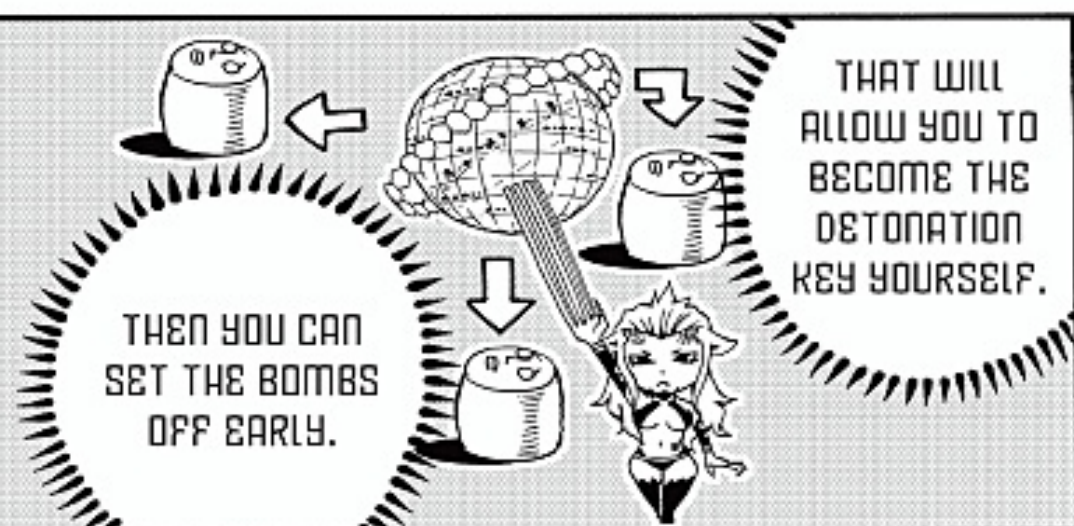
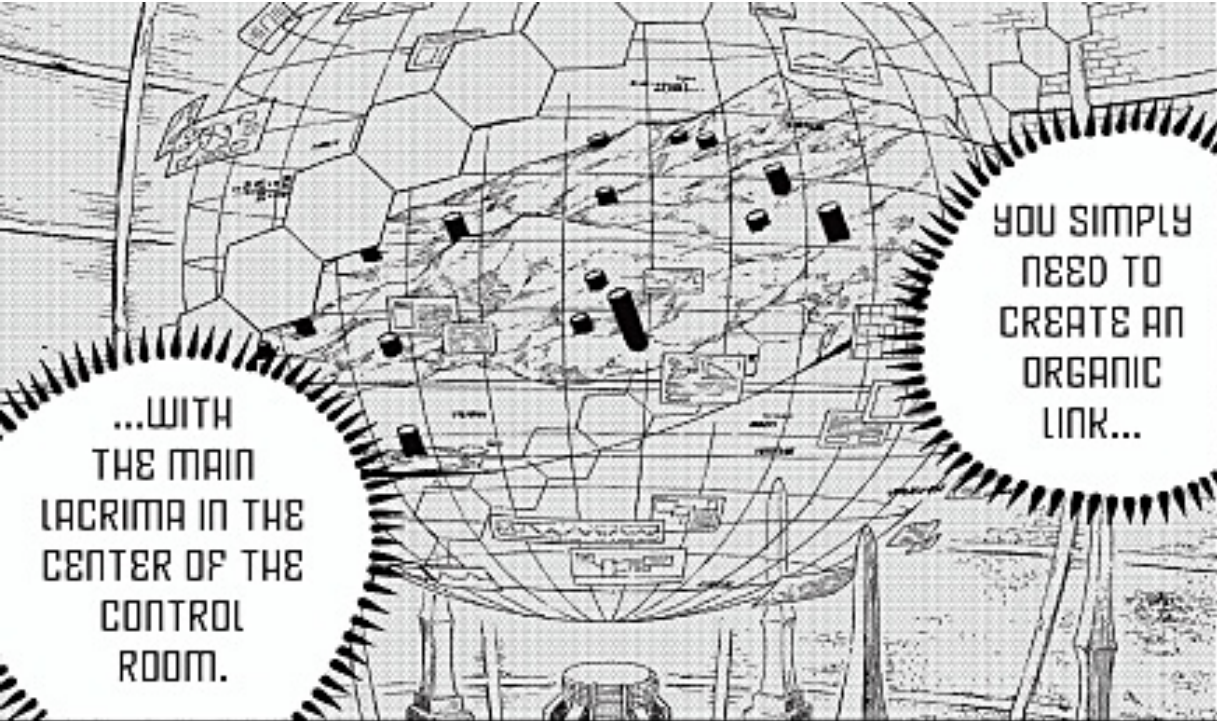
HOW-
EVER...

YOU ARE IN
THE CONTROL
ROOM, YES?



...AND YOU CAN
PROVIDE THAT
YOURSELF.

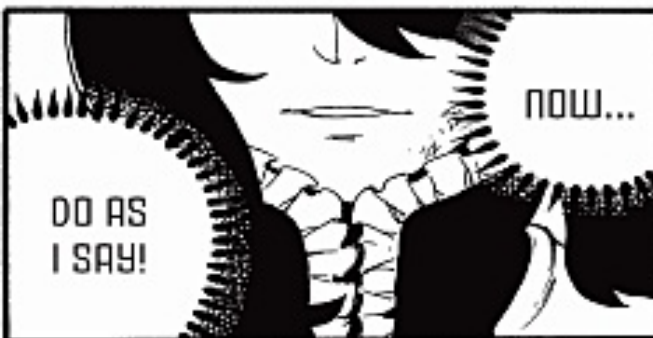
FEAR NOT! ALL
FACE NEEDS NOW
IS THE COMMAND
TO DETONATE
INSTANTLY...





OUR
VICTORY
WILL BE
COMPLETE
!!!

AND MASTER
END WILL BE
REVIVED!!



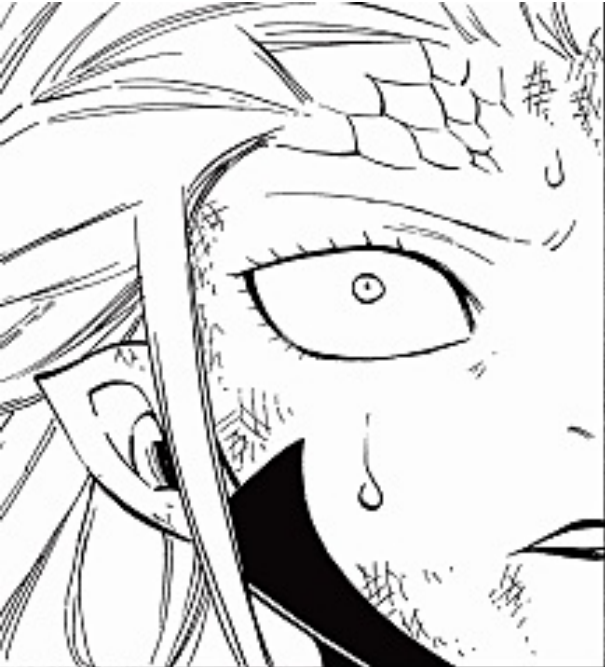
DO AS
I SAY!

now...

...THIS
ONE
WOULD
PERISH.



MARO GEER-SAMA,
IF THIS ONE'S CURSE
POWERS WERE USED
TO FORGE AN ORGANIC
LINK WITH SUCH AN
ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF
MAGICAL POWER...



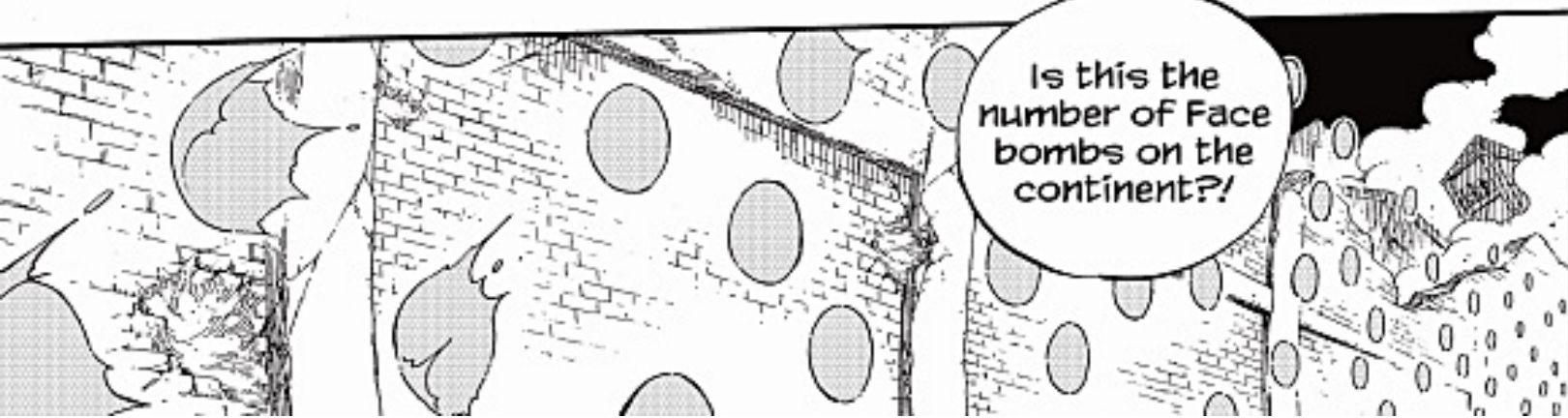
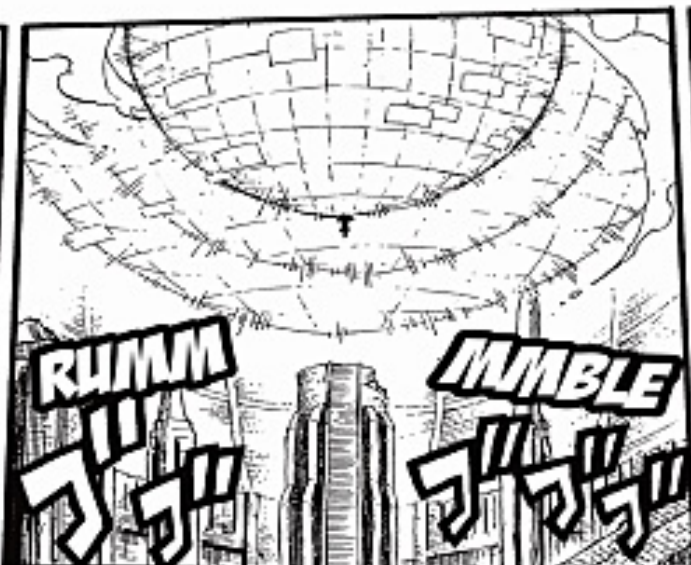
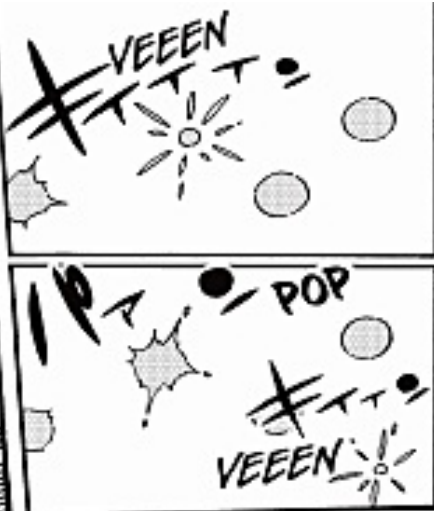
NO. THIS ONE WILL
GLADLY LAY DOWN HER
LIFE IN SERVICE OF OUR
GREATEST DESIRE!



YES,
AND?

SO
YOU
FEAR
DEATH?







Organic link
complete!!

This one has
become one
with the Face
detonation
switch!!!



GRIN

Does she
intend to
set off the
Face bombs
early...?!



She
merged
with it?!

Why
would
she do
that?!

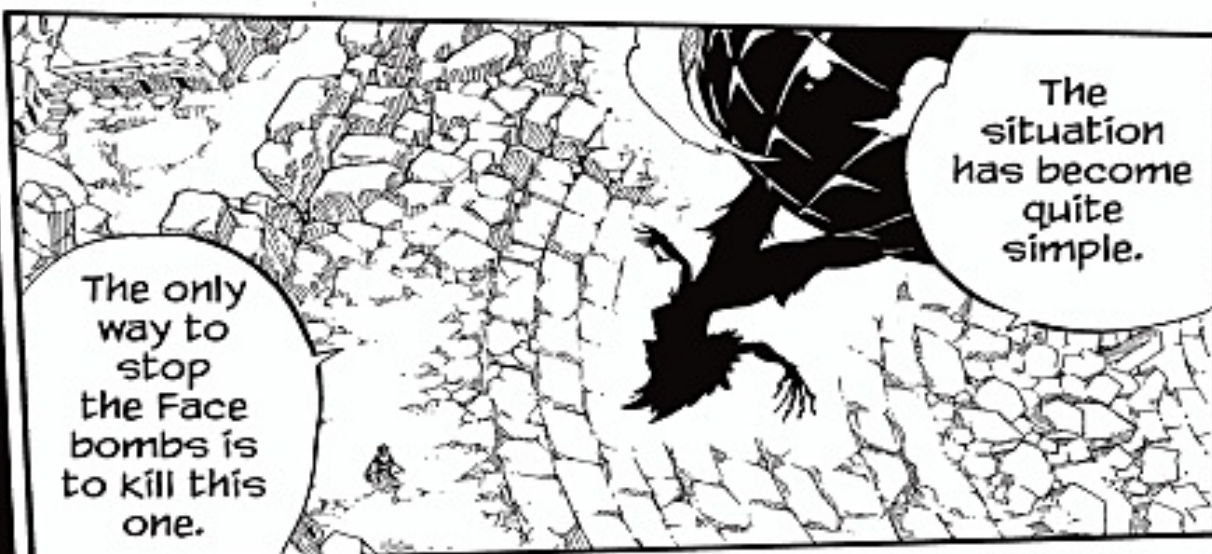


What
?!



*Though
this one
shall perish
regardless
of the
outcome.*

The only
way to
stop
the Face
bombs is
to kill this
one.



The
situation
has become
quite
simple.



VOOM

Indeed!

You do not
yet know
this one's
power...

You seem
unable to
imagine your
own defeat.

I see you
don't
lack for
confidence.

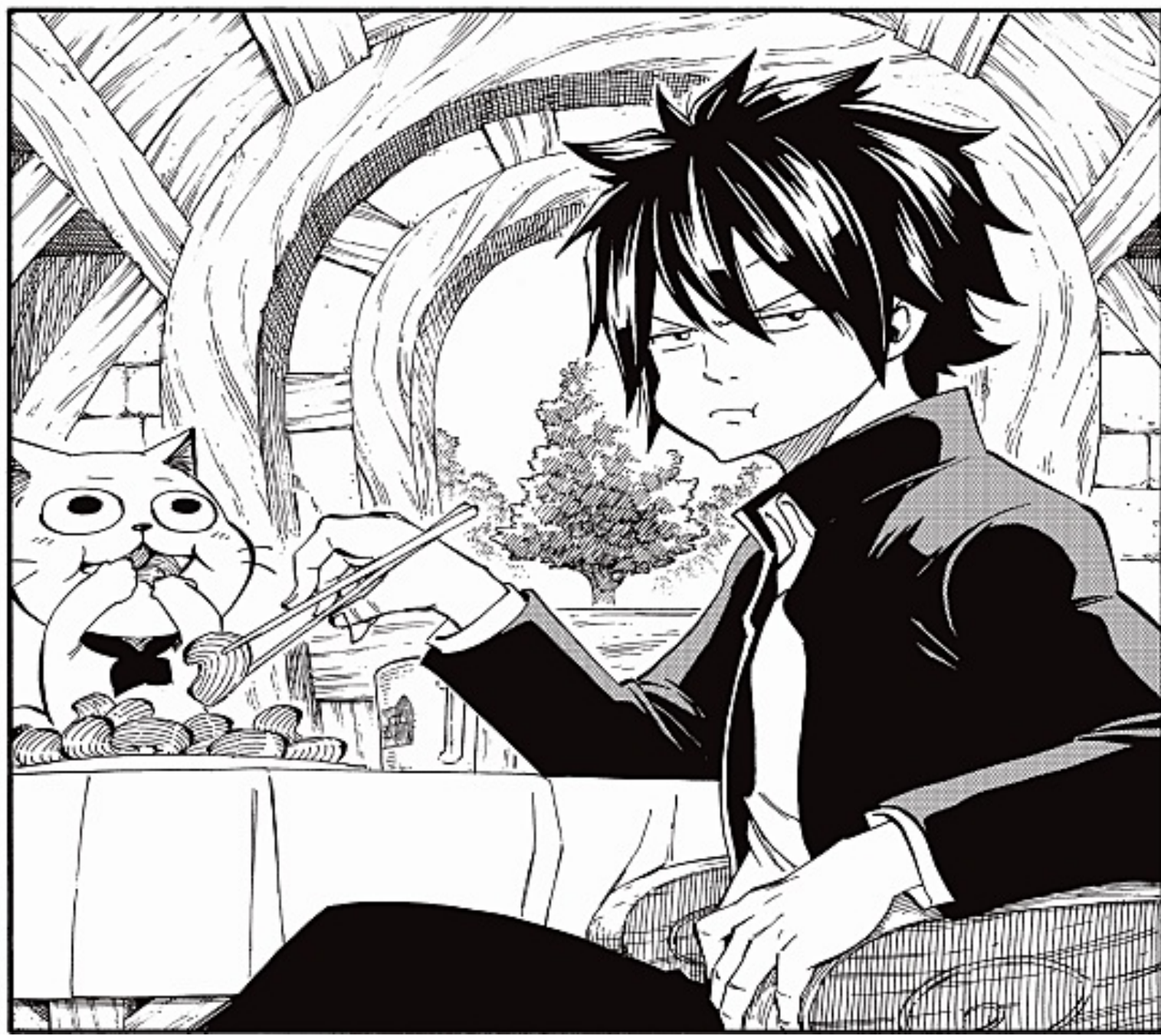


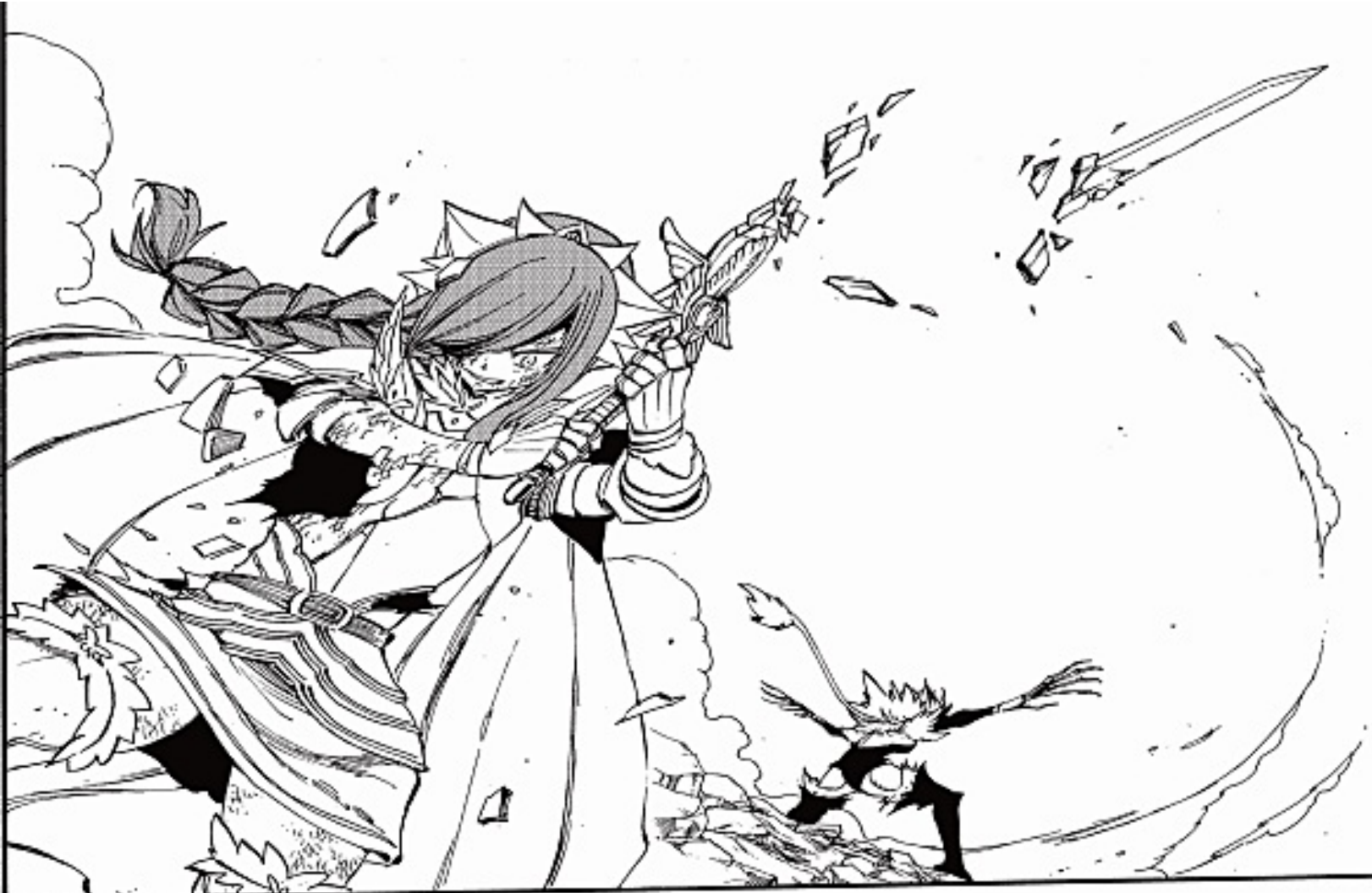


Fairy Tail

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 403: Erza vs. Kyôka





Erza,
hurry!!

Is she
speeding
up the
countdown?



Erza,
hurry!!

Is she
speeding
up the
countdown?



32:41

KAMM

Kh!

You cannot defeat this one!

KAMM

Kh!

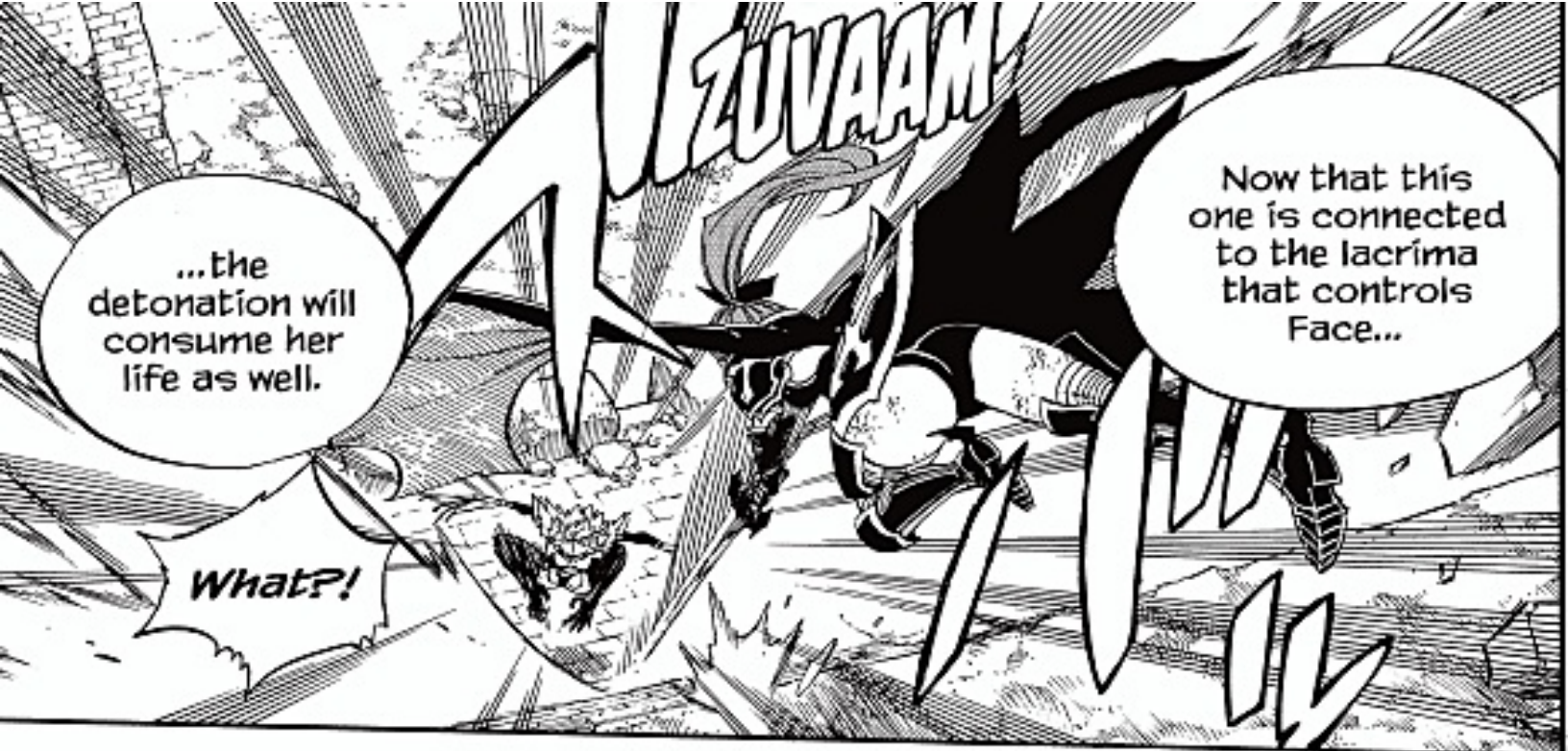
You cannot defeat this one!



This one's
curse power
is strength
enhancement!

Every
second
sees this
one's
power
increase!

*Without
limits!!*



...the
detonation will
consume her
life as well.

What?!

Now that this
one is connected
to the lacrima
that controls
Face...

ZUVAAM



Yet, that is
no cause for
regret!

WHOOSH



As long as
it revives
Master
END...

SHOON



And earns
this one
Zeref's
favor...!!!

VOOSH



Because
fate wills
it!!

VLOOM

GRITCH



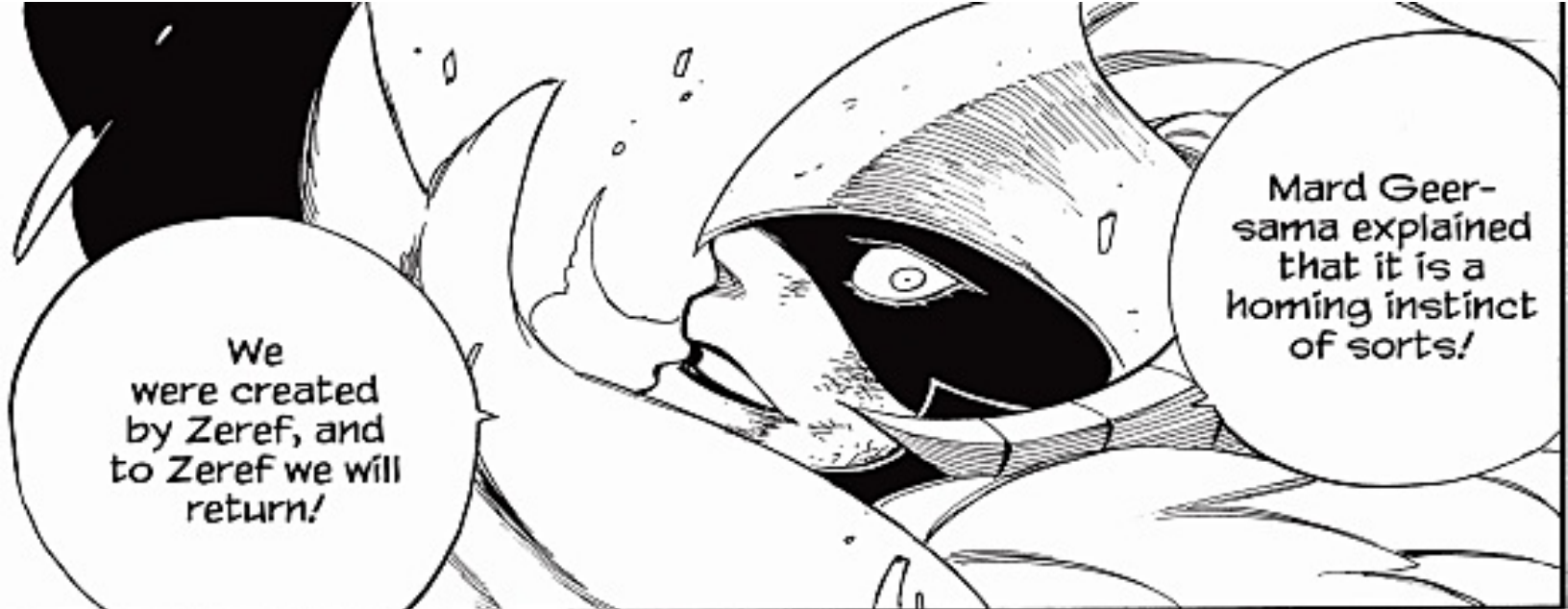
Why would
you go that
far?!!

WHAM



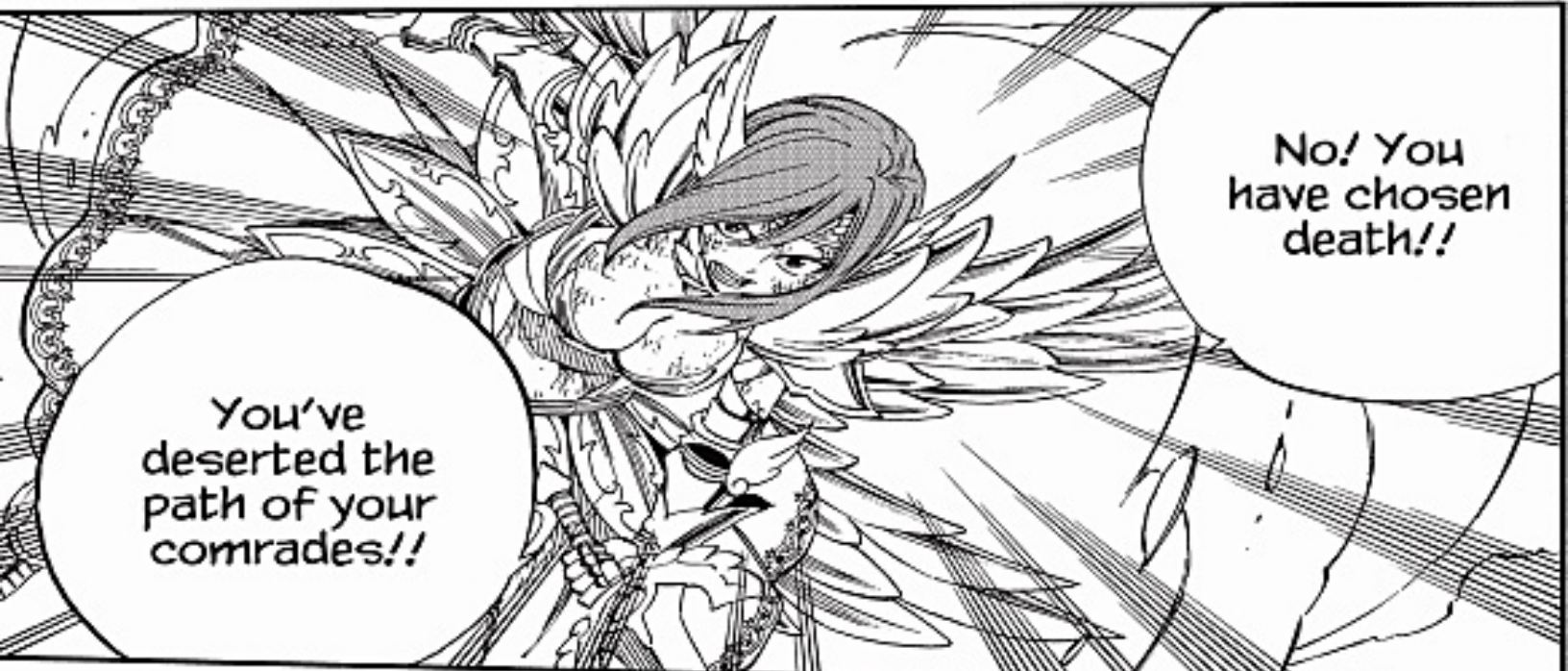
All demons
written in the
Book of Zeref
share a destiny...
to return to
Zeref!!

GAFOOM



We
were created
by Zeref, and
to Zeref we will
return!

Mard Geer-
sama explained
that it is a
homing instinct
of sorts!



You've
deserted the
path of your
comrades!!

No! You
have chosen
death!!



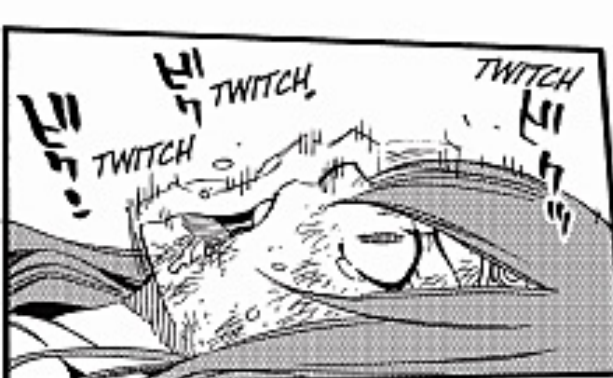
!!

Silence
!!!

GWANN!











And hearing.

These are the last words you will ever hear!



No, please stop! Erza will die!! Waaah!



Taste!

Smell!



Then your sense of touch...



Our total
victory is at
hand!!!! Yes,
this one's
soul shall
depart, but
with it will go
humanity's
future!!!!

Ah ha
ha ha
ha ha
ha ha!!



And he shall
take his time
with you, day
in and day out,
wresting from
you each piece
of your body
and soul one by
one!!!!



This one shall
not kill you!!!!
No, you shall
taste a suffering
much worse than
death!!!! This one
shall give you to
the Underworld
King as his
plaything!!!!



Tell this one
of the joy
you feel!!!
Ah ha ha ha
ha ha ha!!!

How this
one envies
you!! Ah
ha ha ha
ha ha!!

Is there
no greater
delight
?!!!







***This doesn't
even count as
pain!!!!***

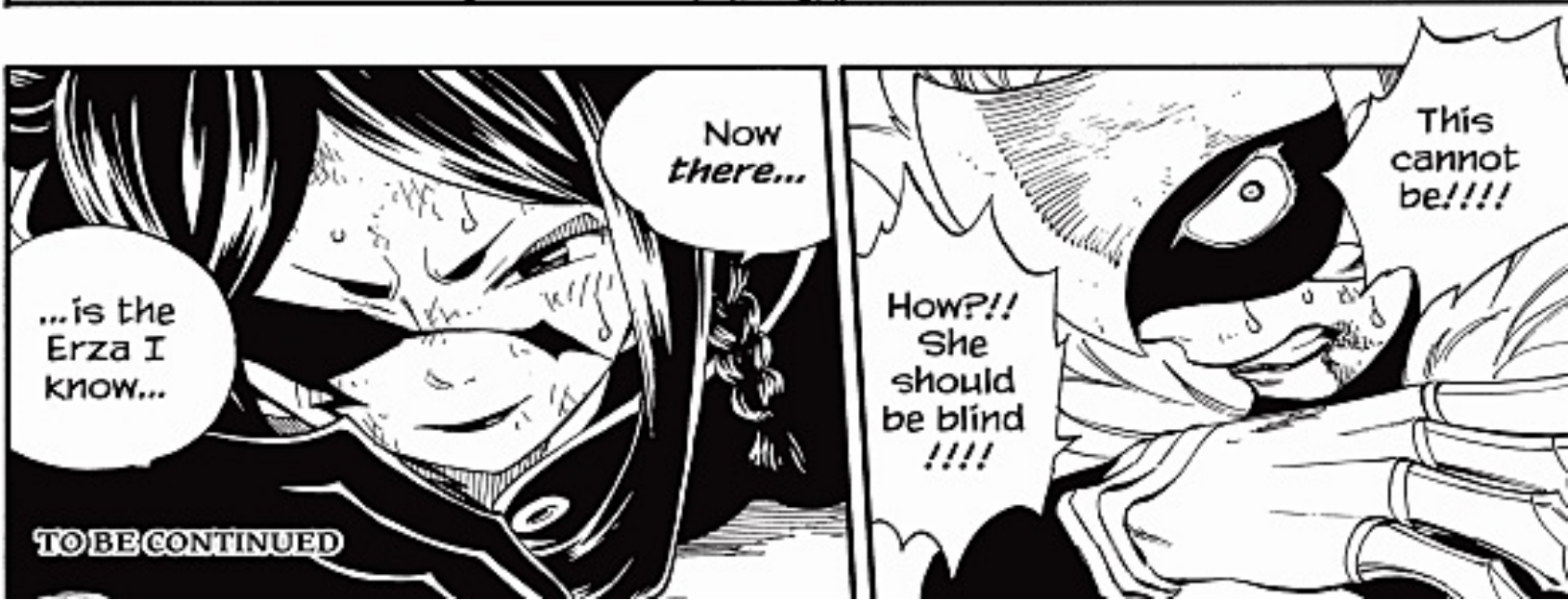


**G
A**

**I fear
nothing
!!!!**



**K
O
M**



あとがき

Afterword

This volume contains Gajeel's backstory with Elder Belno. Actually I've had this bit of plot for a long time. The truth is I had this chapter where Elder Belno was the trigger that got Gajeel to join Fairy Tail, but since that changed to Makarov getting him to join, his story with Elder Belno was shelved, forever, I thought. Here, where all of the members and former members of the Council were involved, I thought that just possibly I could sneak that backstory in, but there was also the possibility that I couldn't follow up on it, so the chapter had to be simplified.

Now I wish I had done proper foreshadowing on it.

Personally, I love to drop little foreshadowing clues, but there are so many characters in this manga! Add to it the fact that I'm doing not only this weekly manga but a monthly too, and my mind is getting pretty messed up by it all (heh)! Plus, I'm getting these impossible requests to do one-shots on top of all that!

And so, I've dropped a bunch of foreshadowing hints that I won't be able to include (stories I'm no longer scheduled to do), and from here on, there will be a bunch more (including red herrings), so you'll probably see a whole lot of plots I'm trying to hint at.

In any case, I'm still looking forward to clearing up a whole bunch more mysteries, so please look forward to that!

EMERGENCY REQUEST! EXPLAIN THE MYSTERIES OF F.T.!!



At a Magnolia ramen joint...

Lucy: Hi Everybody!

Mira: Okay, let's get straight to the questions!

Why did Mard Geer allow Silver in the Nine Demon Gates?



Lucy: It's true that he was a human to start with, and he even had demon slayer magic, which is magic specifically made to fight demons.

Mira: It was written about a little in the main story line, but I think it was Keyes who pushed for him to be in the group.

Lucy: He did mention that he knew Silver would betray him someday...

Mira: Maybe Mard Geer thought that having someone with demon slayer magic would prove how confident he was of his own abilities.

Lucy: He may also have been brought on as a deterrent to bad behavior among the Nine Demon Gates or the lower-level demons below them.

Mira: I imagine it was probably frightening for the Tartaros guild members to know that there was a demon slayer close at hand.

What does the 1/16 on Lummy's tie mean?



: Ah...so this question finally came.



: So it did. I thought nobody would bother to ask about it.

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Lucy: I hear there are all sorts of explanations. Like there are sixteen Lummys or that she can only use 1/16th of her power...

Mira: But the real answer is so stupid, I don't even want to write it here.

Lucy: But we can't just ignore it, can we...?

Mira: Fine, but it will take a while to explain. Lummy is modeled after a member of Mashima-sensei's staff.



: Sigh...

Mira: And one day, she suddenly made a rather pointless announcement.

Lucy: Sigh...



"I AM 1/16TH RUSSIAN!
:(WHADDYA THINK OF
THAT?)"

Lucy: Um... If 1/2 is half, and 1/4th is quarter, what is 1/16th
...???
Might as well just say she's fully Japanese.

Mira: Normally the story would just end with someone saying, "Really?" or, "Wow." But it was so sudden, and she put on such a, "What do you say to that?!" face! Still, it just slipped right on past the rest of the staff.



: You mean that Lummy's "slip-all" curse power was from that?



: Exactly! It came because the staff members let it slip by.

Lucy: The part about how she has a thing for hot guys too?

Mira: Of course!

Lucy: And that creepy "fa fa fa" laughter too?

Mira: All from that staff member.

Lucy: Come to think of it, she was a pretty impressive character!

Mira: And so, the real reason for the 1/16 tie was because she was 1/16th Russian.



: I kind of wish nobody had ever asked.

Mira: It wasn't just her. Kain Hikaru and Kinana were both modeled after staff members. And in a strange way, so was Gemini.

Lucy: Huh?!!

Mira: Their weird "piiri piiri" sound was taken from a member of the staff who, way back in grade school, remembered his whole school saying it at the time.

Lucy: I kind of wish nobody had ever asked.

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FAIRY GUILD

The image shows the 'Fairy Tail' logo in a stylized font with three stars above it. Below the logo is a group of anime characters from the series, including Natsu, Lucy, Erza, and others. To the right of the characters is the Japanese text 'アスカ' (Asuka) and a large black paw print.

Tochigi Prefecture, Rinsen Wakana



「FTR」の
これからは
みんなは
てきど
スキャンダル

Chiba Prefecture, Shun Yanagisawa

▲ Hey, stop that!



Hiroshima, Kotori Nakamoto

Osaka, Miyuki Hirano



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Hyogo Prefecture, MSAIRI



▲ How did you all feel about Aquarius's scene in Vol. 45?

TAIL d'ART

The Fairy Tail Guild is looking for illustrations! Please send in your art on a postcard or at postcard size, and do it in black pen, okay? Those chosen to be published will get a signed mini poster! ♪ Make sure you write your real name and address on the back of your illustration!

Yamaguchi Prefecture, Hikaru Kaneshige



▲ Selah, one of the prettiest of the demons, but she can be scary when angered!

Hokkaido, Omega ☆



▲ Wow! Cute! I love how round everybody is!

Fukuoka Prefecture,
Hirokuni Shoji (twisted girl)



▲ This is the scene from Vol. 44 that you liked the best?!

Taiwan, Kian Yu-zhen



▲ What is the Underworld King's power anyway...?!

Chiba Prefecture, Haruka Iwagami



▲ Thanks for drawing so many! They're all so cute!

Saitama Prefecture, Chiharu Iiyama



▲ Everybody's a bee! And they're so amazingly cute!

Kagoshima Prefecture, Akari



▲ I think the composition of this one is really cute! Selan and Kyōka are great!

Ishikawa Prefecture, Rabi



▲ Gildarts! I wonder where he is right now?

FAIRY TAIL

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HIRO 真島ヒロ MASHIMA



of iron?

I made one
for you!
Gee hee!

TREMBLE

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TREMBLE

TREMBLE

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Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 13, Etherious

Those of you who bought early printings or e-books of Volume 45, or followed the story when as it is published weekly online, might have noticed that the spelling for Etherious used to be spelled Aetherious. The spelling with an 'A' was a mistake on my (the translator's) part. In a later chapter, it became obvious that Etherious is the more accurate spelling. We haven't come to that chapter yet in the graphic novels, so I don't want to spoil it for anyone, but the spelling was changed for a very good reason. I offer my apologies for the previous misspellings.

Page 59, Steel

Creating steel from iron isn't quite as easy as just adding some carbon. In reality, steel needs to be made by removing impurities through a number of different processes (open hearth furnace, the Bessemer process, or the basic oxygen furnace are three popular methods) and creating a consistent concentration of carbon (0.5% - 1.5%). Still, considering that Gajeel's iron is magic iron (and dragon magic at that) then we can probably assume there are few-to-no impurities. And considering the things Gajeel can do with the iron in his body, it's easy to imagine that he can manage to create a consistent carbon content throughout his own body.



Page 80, Zeref-kyô

As mentioned in the notes of Volume 26, there are a number of honorifics that are known to modern Japanese, but are not in common usage. One of the more uncommon, more polite honorifics is -kyô, which might be translated as "my lord."



FROM HIRO MASHIMA



I am completely hooked on the social game Fairy Tail Brave Saga. The modeling of the characters is so cute, and it's all so well done! I'm pretty sure that there will be more and more characters added, so I hope you all will be able to give it a try!!

Fairy Tail Brave Saga
Official Home Page
<https://www.taito.co.jp/fairytailbs>

Original Jacket Design: Hisao Ogawa



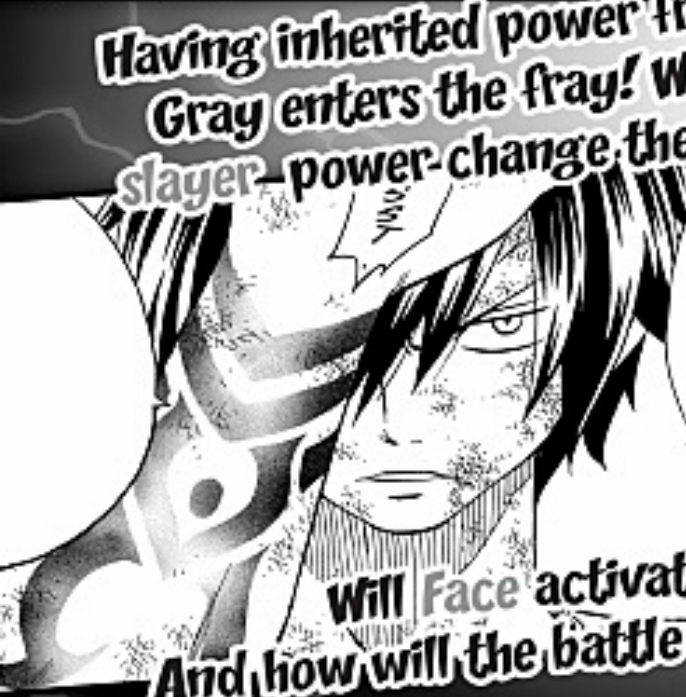
I will
slay you,
dragon!!

I recognize
you as an
enemy!

In a dragon-on-dragon
struggle, humans would just
be in the way!! The battle
shakes the skies!!

**WILL
ROAR
!!!**

Having inherited power from his father,
Gray enters the fray! Will his demon
slayer power change the tides of war?!



I am the
wizard who's
going to take
you down.

Will Face activate?!

And how will the battle conclude?!!



**RAGE
!!!**

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THE FIRE DRAGON KING

You have
reawakened a
long-forgotten
sensation in
Mard Geer.

Enraged and
transfigured,
Mard Geer!
The battle
with the
Underworld
King will
rend the
earth!!

NATSU IS FIRED UP !!!

Let's
do this,
Igneel
!!!!

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Say I Love You.



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SANKAREA

undying love

**"I ONLY
LIKE
ZOMBIE
GIRLS."**



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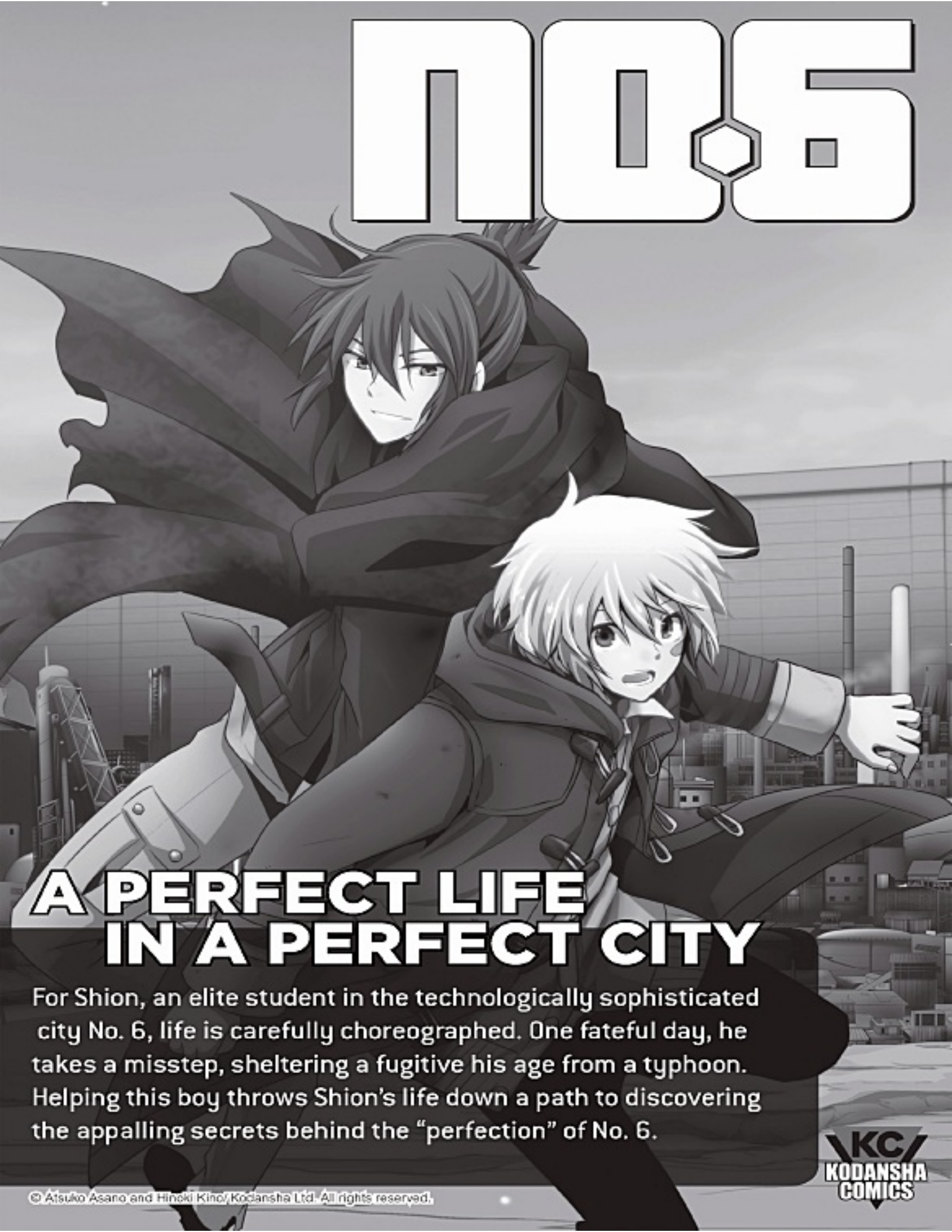
-Anime News Network



OPPOSITES ATTRACT...MAYBE?

Haru Yoshida is feared as an unstable and violent "monster."
Mizutani Shizuku is a grade-obsessed student with no friends.
Fate brings these two together to form the most unlikely pair. Haru
firmly believes he's in love with Mizutani and she firmly believes
he's insane.

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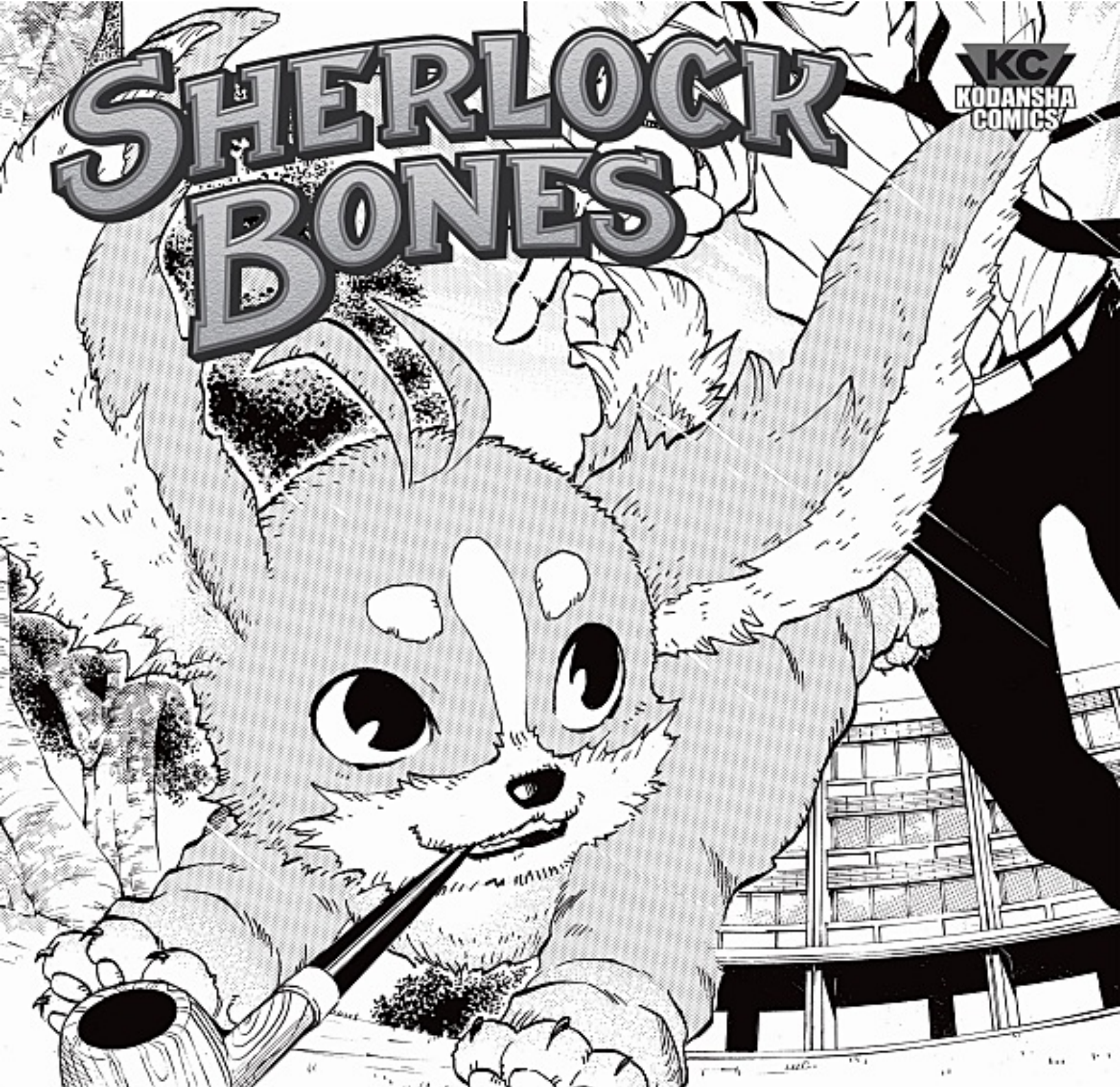


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SHERLOCK BONES

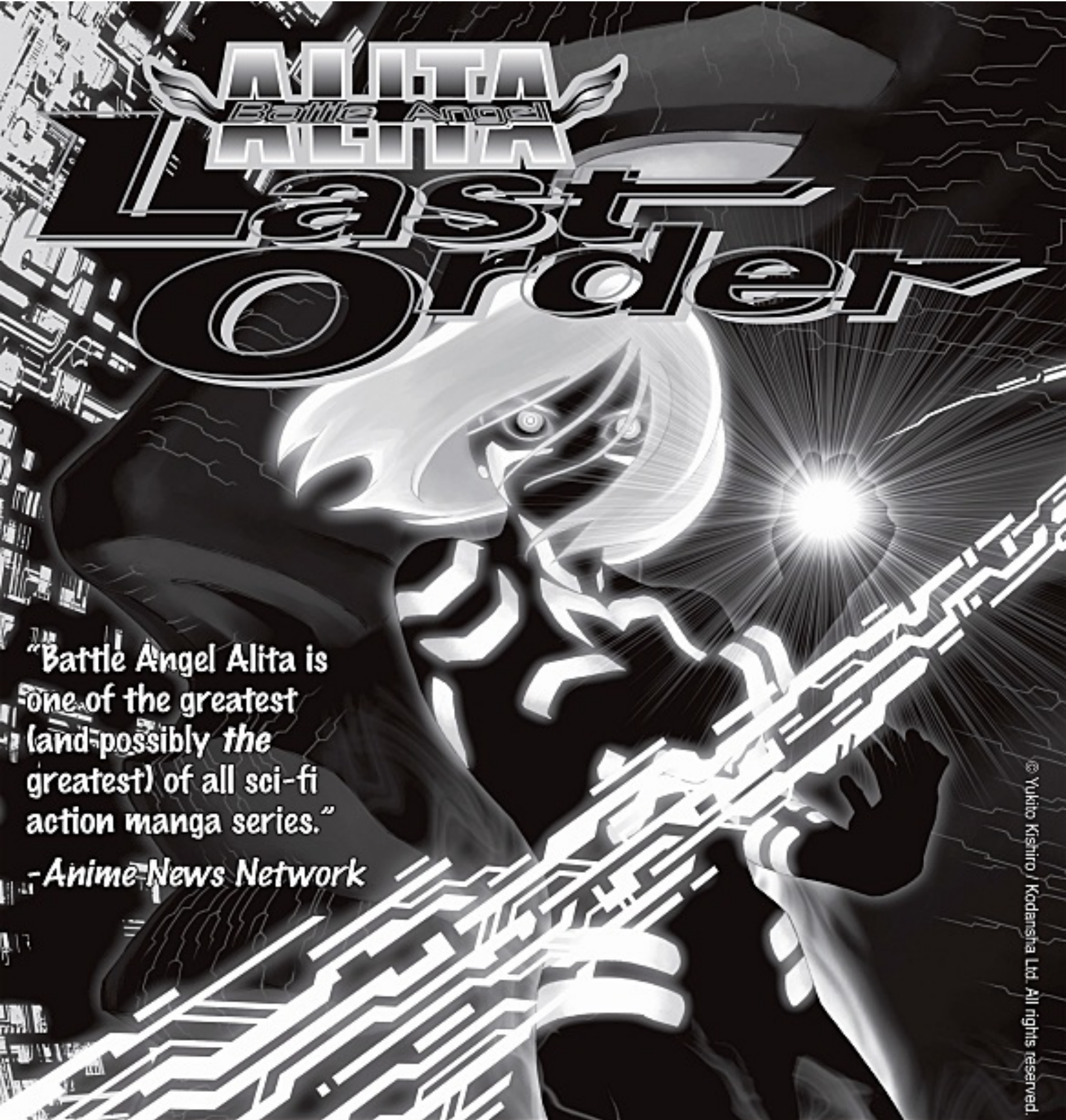
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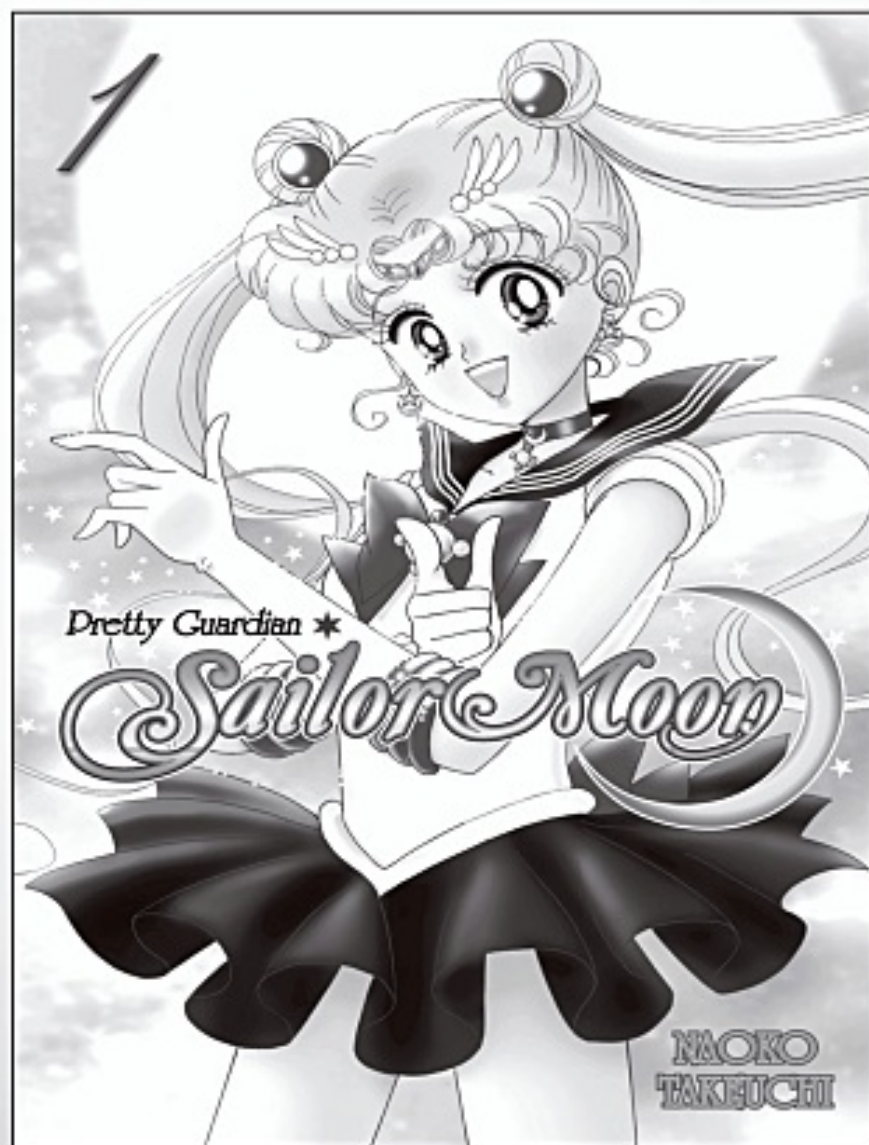
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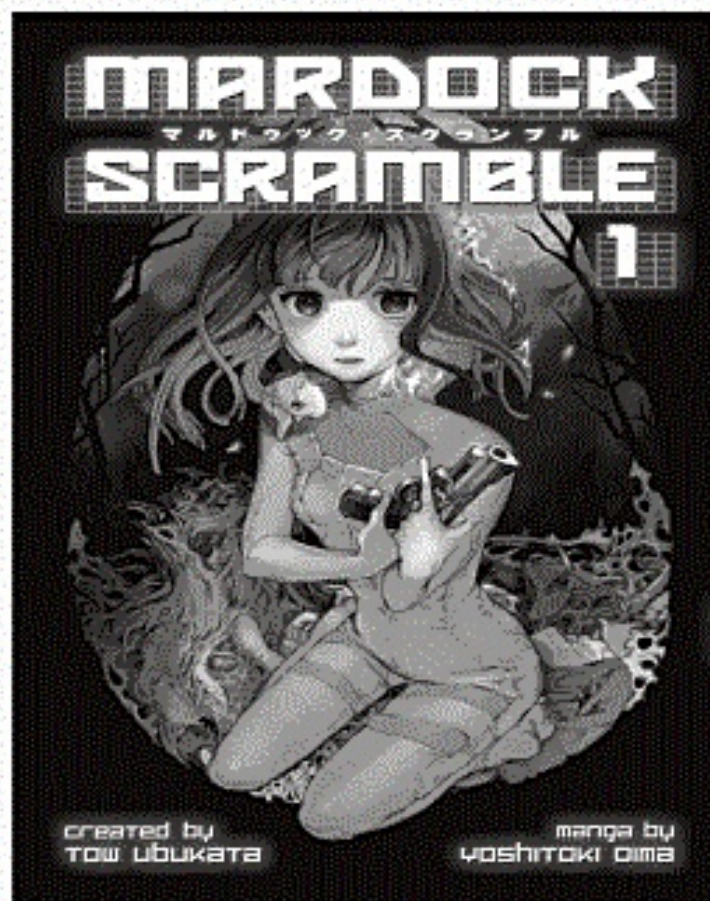
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